UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORKX	
Towaki Komatsu,	COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,	JURY DEMAND
-VS-	
The City of New York, NYPD Detective Raymond Gerola (shield #: 6577), NYPD Lieutenant Ralph Nieves, NYPD Detective Nicholas Mason (shield #: 6995), NYPD Officer Cruz (shield #: 751), NYPD Officer Mitchell (shield #: 5486), NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Rachel Atcheson, Jessica Ramos, Bill de Blasio, James O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17	
• All of the defendants listed above who are people are being sued in their individual and official capacities,	
Defendants.	

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Plaintiff Towaki Komatsu (hereinafter referred to in the first-person as "I", "me", and "my"), proceeding pro se in this action, does hereby state and allege all that follows in this pleading.

# **PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

- 1. The following applies throughout this complaint in the interests of brevity:
  - a. Acronyms and aliases in the second column of the following table will be used throughout this pleading instead of the entries in the third column to which they correspond:

#	Abbreviation	Corresponds To	
1	CCRB	New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board	
2	City Council	New York City Council	
3	Defendant City	Defendant City of New York	
4	DOE	New York City Department of Education	
5	FOIL	Freedom of Information Law	
6	FRCP	Federal Rule of Civil Procedure	
7	HRA	New York City Human Resources Administration	
8	The Mayor	New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio	
9	Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall	The public town hall meeting that members of the public conducted in a collaborative manner with the Mayor, Mr. Banks, and other government officials as a mostly	
		traditional public forum on 4/27/17 in Long Island City in Queens that was subject to New York State's Open Meetings Law and was used a campaign event to support the Mayor's re-election interests that I was illegally barred from attending while I had active litigation against HRA.	
10	Mayor's 5/23/17 resource fair	The public resource fair meeting that members of the public conducted in a collaborative manner with the Mayor, Mr. Banks, and other government officials as a mostly traditional public forum on 5/23/17 inside of the Veterans Memorial Chamber within the Bronx Supreme Court during the U.S. Navy's annual "Fleet Week" event in New York City while I continued to be a U.S. Navy veteran and was upholding my military enlistment oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution against all enemies. That public forum was also used as a campaign event to support the Mayor's re-election interests and I was illegally barred from attending it as I continued to have active litigation against HRA.	

11	Mayor's 6/8/17 town hall	The public town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted as a public forum on 6/8/17 at 93-29 Queens Boulevard in Rego Park in Queens inside of a building named Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center	
12	Mayor's 7/25/17 publicity stunt	The public stunt that the Mayor illegally conducted on 7/25/17 in an area of a subway station located next to a staircase, below Broadway, and by Warren Street in Manhattan in a manner and location that was in violation of the MTA's Rules as NYPD Inspector Howard Redmond illegally assaulted me in that subway station in front of Defendant Fowler while I was conducting myself lawfully and while that was recorded on video.	
13	Mayor's 8/30/17 town hall	The public town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted as a public forum on 8/30/17 at 195 Graham Avenue in Brooklyn.	
14	Mayor's 9/8/17 public hearing	The public hearing that the Mayor conducted on 9/8/17 at 2 pm in the Blue Room in City Hall that partly concerned proposed legislation about reforming the NYPD as I was illegally prevented from attending that hearing by Defendant Cruz and others	
15	Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall	The public town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted as a public forum on 9/14/17 at 2525 Haring Street in Brooklyn	
16	Mayor's CAU	The Mayor's Community Affairs Unit	
17	Mr. Banks	HRA Commissioner Steven Banks	
18	My HRA lawsuit	The hybrid lawsuit that I commenced against HRA in	
		January of 2017 that corresponds to <u>Komatsu v. New York</u> <u>City Human Resources Administration</u> , No. 100054/2017 (Sup. Ct., New York Cty.) and is pending appeal. I asserted claims in that case that my claims in this case related back to and amplify.	
19	My X1 lawsuit	The related case that I commenced against the City of New York, Defendant Nieves, and others in April of 2018 that corresponds to the ongoing case of <i>Komatsu v. City of New York</i> , No. 18-cv-3698 (LGS)(GWG)(S.D.N.Y.) that my claims in this case relate back to and amplify. The judges in that case refused to grant me sufficient time to file a further amended complaint in that case that would have otherwise enabled me to assert my claims in that case instead of in this case. In fact, Judge Lorna Schofield explicitly directed me to instead commence a new civil action for additional claims that I sought to assert in that case.	
20	My X2 lawsuit	The related case that I commenced against the City of New York, Defendant Nieves, and others on 8/29/20 that corresponds to the ongoing case of <i>Komatsu v. City of New York</i> , No. 18-cv-7046(S.D.N.Y.) that my claims in this case relate back to and amplify.	

21	NTT Data, Inc.	NTT	
22	OCA	New York State Office of Court Administration	
23	OTDA	The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability	
		Assistance	
24	Second Circuit	United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	
25	Urban	Urban Pathways, Inc. It is the slumlord for the building in	
		which I reside.	

- 2. Every reference that I make in this pleading that concerns my efforts to have attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall concerns those that I made to have lawfully attended it from within the room in which it was conducted as it was conducted, shortly before it began, and shortly after it ended.
- 3. The Mayor' office arranged to have the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall recorded on video. That video recording is available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InSIaXIZp44">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InSIaXIZp44</a>.
- 4. The table shown next contains brief information about as well as links to copies of video recordings that I recorded with my cell phone on 9/14/17 while I lawfully conducted myself as I a) stood outside of and in close proximity to the building that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall shortly before it began and as it was conducted and b) was inside of that building as that town hall was being conducted while I was being illegally prevented from attending that town hall from within the room in which it was conducted. The second table that follows this one includes a description of what appears in those video recordings.

#	Creation	Filename	Link to video	
	Time			
1	6:15 pm	IMG_1856.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RXGMjJTw7A2a28jQb	
	_	_	vLZWcTfOpfk05GR/view?usp=sharing	
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		_	Exx-cDAmYVakGdo/view?usp=sharing	
3	6:40 pm	IMG_1858.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nKQX5VTtYB-	
		_	cBm8lkx6WxilZey631Q9f/view?usp=sharing	
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		_	jdPPDJB8s8CFdpo/view?usp=sharing	

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		_	<u>lHvPHbLyR-bTrZz/view?usp=sharing</u>	
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9	8:30 pm	IMG_1866.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HCteQfaNo90G3Rb0ts	
			zLzjVdrKKcURdO/view?usp=sharing	
10	8:33 pm	IMG_1867.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AeaV6ooV8M23Xyma	
			xVTfg4QFjTdntWas/view?usp=sharing	
11	8:41 pm	IMG_1868.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bv7HB6BDKMYulAO	
			p 3goMOQ8zhqdzK0d/view?usp=sharing	
12	8:42 pm	IMG_1869.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VGJBKn0v0MbsysYe5	
			1hFMJfd7s88AqHI/view?usp=sharing	
13	8:42 pm	IMG_1870.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZJ5l2fi7ZvjvF7rhW7B	
			Q3Tdorev6pMys/view?usp=sharing	
14	9:20 pm	IMG_1871.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JZ_Ktf_pTE4win6LKU	
			gTCMnEuYbjmzPf/view?usp=sharing	
15	9:20 pm	IMG_1872.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JA19LDEfMgPkz6hEi	
			H7CRHNNTDqfQRHW/view?usp=sharing	
17	9:25 pm	IMG_1874.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/15GlkNIdTCDxtyH3b9	
			OclRd_uyggNYXfs/view?usp=sharing	
18	9:42 pm	IMG_1875.mov	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kHsGIg56bJLp7usdwq	
			Vp4hJlrZ9njnSo/view?usp=sharing	

#	Filename	Description	
1	IMG_1856.mov	Defendants Nieves, Mason, Gerola, NYPD Officer John Doe1	
		9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John	
		Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17,	
		and NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17 are shown in this video as I waited in	
		a line with other members of the public next to and near the entrance	
		of the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. That line was	
		for members of the public who would be permitted to attend the	
		Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall from within the room in that school in	
		which that town hall would be conducted on that date. A separate line	
		that was used to grant members of the public to the overflow room	
		that was used for that town hall meeting is also shown in this video at	
		the elapsed time of 7 seconds.	

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2	IMG_1857.mov	I recorded this video after I was illegally coerced by members of the NYPD to leave the line that I waited in when I recorded the video that corresponds to the filename of IMG_1856.mov. Defendants Nieves, Mason, Gerola, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, and NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17 are shown in this video and were all then aware that I had been illegally coerced to leave the line that I had been in as I was then having my rights pursuant to the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment, and New York State's Open Meetings Law violated with respect to my efforts to have lawfully attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the room in which it was conducted as it was conducted. No member of the NYPD made an attempt to intervene on my behalf to resolve that in spite of the fact that they had a realistic opportunity to do so.
3	IMG_1858.mov	Defendants Nieves, Mason, Gerola, and NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17 are shown in this video and were all then aware that I had been illegally coerced to leave the line that I had been in as I was then having my rights pursuant to the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment, and New York State's Open Meetings Law violated with respect to my efforts to have lawfully attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the room in which it was conducted as it was conducted. No member of the NYPD made an attempt to intervene on my behalf to resolve that in spite of the fact that they had a realistic opportunity to do so. Members of the public who arrived to the site of that town hall after me on 9/14/17 are shown in that video as they were illegally allowed to enter that school to attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the room in which it was conducted in flagrant violation of my Fourteenth Amendment due process and equal protection rights. I'm heard in that video providing narration about the illegal acts that were then being committed against me.
4	IMG_1859.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as I watched Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez and Marco Carrion while they were shown on a television set that was used to show how the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall was being conducted in a different room in that school.
5	IMG_1860.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as I showed the red admission ticket that I was eventually issued to be able to enter that school to observe how the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall would be conducted from inside of the overflow room instead of from within the room in which it was conducted.

6	IMG_1861.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as I showed the red admission ticket that I was eventually issued to be able to enter that school to observe how the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall would be conducted from inside of the overflow room instead of from within the room in which it was conducted.
7	IMG_1862.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. Defendant Atcheson is shown as she stood near that room's exit while she looked at a cell phone or computer tablet.
9	IMG_1866.mov	I recorded this video from within a hallway in the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. It shows Defendants Mason and Cruz as they illegally made no effort to intervene on my behalf to enable me to attend that town hall from within the room in which it was conducted in violation of their affirmative Fourteenth Amendment legal duty while they knew that I was being prevented from doing so and that I sought to attend that town hall from within that room. Other members of the NYPD are also shown in this video and similarly illegally didn't intervene on my behalf then as other members of the public were able to go from the overflow room into the room in which that town hall was conducted as it was conducted in violation of my Fourteenth Amendment rights.
10	IMG_1867.mov	I recorded this video from within a hallway in the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. It shows Defendants Cruz and NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17 as they illegally made no effort to intervene on my behalf to enable me to attend that town hall from within the room in which it was conducted in violation of their affirmative Fourteenth Amendment legal duty while they knew that I was being prevented from doing so and that I sought to attend that town hall from within that room. I recall having briefly apprised Mr. Cruz while he was in that hallway on that night about my desire to attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall from within the room in which it was conducted.
11	IMG_1868.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. It shows both Mr. Nieves as he slacked off while he was on duty as well as the cover page of whistleblowing literature against the Mayor's administration and the Mayor's NYPD security detail of public concern that I distributed to members of the public while I was in that room and outside of that school on that date as I waited to be granted access into that school.
12	IMG_1869.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. It shows Mr. Nieves as he slacked off while he was on duty.

13	IMG 1870.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for		
	_	the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. It shows Mr. Nieves giving me a		
		thumbs-up sign with his right hand at the elapsed time of 3 seconds as		
		he exited that room as he likely then knew that I was recording that		
		video for litigation purposes.		
14	IMG 1871.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for		
	_	the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as I watched Mr. Banks while he was		
		shown on a television set that was used to show how the Mayor's		
		9/14/17 town hall was being conducted in a different room in that		
		school. Mr. Banks was then actively participating in how that town		
		hall was being conducted as he talked with one or more members of		
		the audience.		
15	IMG 1872.mov	I recorded this video from within the overflow room that was used for		
	_	the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as I watched Mr. Banks while he was		
		shown on a television set that was used to show how the Mayor's		
		9/14/17 town hall was being conducted in a different room in that		
		school. Mr. Banks was then actively participating in how that town		
		hall was being conducted as he talked with one or more members of		
		the audience.		
17	IMG 1874.mov	I recorded this video of Defendant Gerola after I exited the school		
	_	that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall and stood near its entrance.		
		Mr. Gerola told me after I exited that school that I wouldn't be		
		allowed back inside. I had exited that school by then mainly because I		
		had sufficient evidence to confirm that he and others had violated my		
		constitutional rights to have attended that town hall from within the		
		room in which it was conducted.		
18	IMG_1875.mov	I recorded this video of Defendant Nieves as he walked next to Mr.		
		Redmond into the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.		

- 5. References to HRA, DHS, and DSS will be used interchangeably in this pleading for simplicity.
- 6. The illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me on 9/14/17 at the site of the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall were committed in relation to my efforts to have exercised my legal right to have done the following:
  - a. Attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall from within the room in which it was conducted shortly before it began, as it was conducted, and shortly after it ended.
  - b. Exercised the full extent of my rights while attending that town hall partly by engaging in protected whistleblowing about a broad array of matters of public

concern and private matters.

- 7. This is a civil rights action to vindicate my rights in response to illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me on 9/14/17 at the site of the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall in relation to my efforts to have lawfully attended that town hall while Mr. Redmond was then the primary defendant in *Sherrard v. City of New York*, No. 15-cv-7318 (MB) (S.D.N.Y. Jun. 13, 2018) and I was aware of his status in that case for months prior to 9/14/17. Those who committed such illegal acts and omissions against me on 9/14/17 did so as part of a conspiracy in retaliation that was mainly for protected whistleblowing and litigation activities that I continued to be engaged in against Mr. Redmond, themselves, members of the Mayor's staff, HRA, HRA's business partners, and Mr. Banks.
- 8. While committing such illegal acts and omissions against me on 9/14/17 in relation to my efforts to have lawfully attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall, that was done to extend a campaign of harassment, retaliation, and unequal and discriminatory acts against me at public forums dating back to 4/27/17 that the Mayor and other government officials conducted with members of the public in a collaborative manner as the Mayor and such other government officials were running for re-election and using those public forums to try to improve their re-election prospects partly by trying to attract publicity.
- 9. The illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me on 9/14/17 at the site of the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall were voter suppression, voter fraud, whistleblower retaliation, a malicious and naked abuse of process, illegal selective-enforcement, standardless discretion, viewpoint discrimination in violation of the Hatch Act, my constitutional rights, federal and New York State criminal statutes, New York State's Open Meetings Law, and other applicable laws.

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over federal claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1343. This action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§1983, 1985, 1988 and the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.
- 2. My claims for declaratory and injunctive relief are authorized by 28 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202, FRCP Rules 57 and 65, and the general legal and equitable powers of this Court.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because I reside in the Bronx and New York City Hall's principal place of business is in Manhattan.
- 4. An award of costs and attorneys' fees is authorized pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1988.
- 5. Consistent with the requirements of New York General Municipal Law § 50-e, I filed a timely Notice of Claim with the New York City Comptroller within 90 days of the accrual of my claims under New York law. This Court therefore has supplemental jurisdiction over my claims under New York law because they are so related to the within federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 6. My claims have not been adjusted by the New York City Comptroller's Office.

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. I am, and was at all times relevant to this action, a resident of Bronx County in the State of New York. I am also a U.S. Navy veteran, who swore to defend the U.S. Constitution against all of its enemies indefinitely and without exceptions. I have honored that oath and continue to do so.
- 2. Bill de Blasio is the Mayor of the City of New York.
- 3. At all relevant times herein, Defendant James O'Neill was the commissioner of the NYPD. In that capacity, he was among others who were responsible for how the NYPD operated, how the NYPD's personnel were trained, how they were supervised, and how they

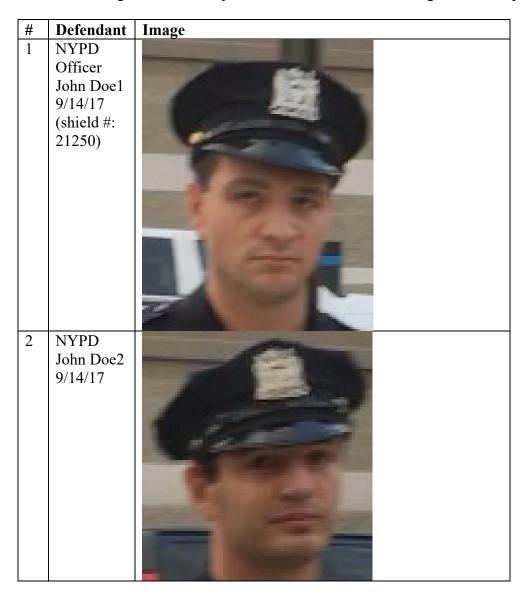
were disciplined.

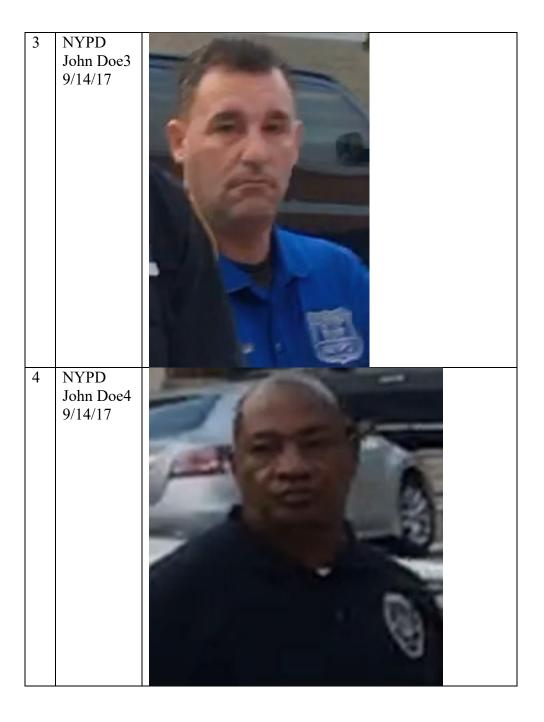
- 4. Defendant City of New York is a municipal corporation duly incorporated and authorized under the laws of the State of New York pursuant to §431 of its Charter. The City of New York is authorized under the laws of the State of New York to maintain a police department, the NYPD, which is supposed to act as its agent in the area of law-enforcement and for which it and the Mayor are ultimately responsible. The City and the Mayor both assume the risks incidental to the maintenance of a police force and the employment of police officers.
- 5. Defendants NYPD Lieutenant Ralph Nieves, NYPD Detective Raymond Gerola (shield No. 6577), NYPD Detective Nicholas Mason (shield No. # 6995), NYPD Officer Cruz (shield #: 751), NYPD Officer Mitchell (shield #: 5486), NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), James O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17, and NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17 were at all times relevant herein officers, employees, and agents of the NYPD and the City of New York.
- 6. Both Defendants NYPD Lieutenant Ralph Nieves and James O'Neill have retired from the NYPD.
- 7. The defendants in this action who I identify with John Doe in their name were members of the NYPD on 9/14/17 whose real names I don't know and are shown in the video recordings that I recorded on 9/14/17 that are referenced in the following table at the elapsed time shown:

#	Defendant	Video	Elapsed Time
1	NYPD Officer John	IMG_1856.MOV	3 seconds
	Doe1 9/14/17 (shield		
	#: 21250)		
2	NYPD John Doe2	IMG_1856.MOV	3 seconds
	9/14/17		
3	NYPD John Doe3	IMG_1856.MOV	3 seconds
	9/14/17		

4	NYPD John Doe4	IMG_1856.MOV	12 seconds
	9/14/17		
5	NYPD John Doe5	IMG_1857.MOV	6 seconds
	9/14/17		
6	NYPD John Doe6	IMG_1857.MOV	4 seconds
	9/14/17		
7	NYPD John Doe7	IMG_1858.MOV	22 seconds
	9/14/17		
8	NYPD John Doe8	IMG_1867.mov	1 second
	9/14/17		

8. The faces of the defendants in this action who I identify with John Doe in their name are shown in the following table at the elapsed times in the video recordings to which I just referred:









9. Defendants Nieves, Gerola, and Mason were at all times relevant herein members of the

NYPD security detail for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

- 10. Mr. Redmond helps to direct how the Mayor's NYPD security detail operate.
- On 9/14/17, both Defendant Bill de Blasio and Defendant James O'Neill were 11. responsible for how the NYPD operated. Prior to that date, I had face-to-face conversations with Mr. O'Neill on 6/26/17 and with the Mayor on both 7/16/17 and 7/18/17. My 6/26/17 conversation with Mr. O'Neill was recorded on audio and witnessed by whistleblower news censors in journalism. My 7/16/17 and 7/18/17 conversations with the Mayor also were witnessed by whistleblower news censors in journalism that included Michael Garland and Gloria Pazmino. My 7/18/17 conversation with the Mayor was recorded on video My conversations with Mr. O'Neill and the Mayor on 6/26/17, 7/16/17, and 7/18/17 partly concerned illegal acts and omissions that Mr. Redmond and other members of the NYPD committed against me since 4/27/17 at public forums that the Mayor and other governed officials conducted. Mr. de Blasio also stood within roughly 20 feet from me as Mr. Redmond was recorded on video on 7/25/17 as he illegally assaulted me in front of many whistleblower news censors in journalism and NYPD Officer Christopher Fowler of the Mayor's NYPD security detail inside of a subway station below Broadway by Murray Street in Manhattan as Mr. Redmond continued to flagrantly violate my constitutional rights at a time and in a location in which the Mayor was illegally conducting a publicity stunt in violation of the MTA's rules that authorized me to have conducted myself in the manner in which I did so at the time that Mr. Redmond began assaulting me and violating my constitutional rights then.
- 12. At all times relevant herein, Defendant Rachel Atcheson worked for the Mayor's CAU and Jessica Ramos worked for the Mayor's office.
- 13. The individual defendants are being sued herein in their individual and official capacities.

- 14. At all times relevant herein, the individual defendants were acting under color of state law in the course and scope of their duties and functions as agents, servants, employees and officers of the NYPD and City of New York. They were acting for and on behalf of the NYPD and Mayor at all times relevant herein. While doing so, the defendants in this action who are members of the NYPD did so with the power and authority vested in them as officers, agents and employees of the NYPD and incidental to the lawful pursuit of their duties as officers, employees and agents of the NYPD.
- 15. The individual defendants' acts hereafter complained of were carried out intentionally, recklessly, and oppressively with malice and egregious, callous, and wanton disregard of plaintiff's rights.
- 16. At all relevant times, the individual defendants were engaged in joint ventures, assisting each other in performing the various actions described herein and lending their physical presence and support and the authority of their offices to one another.

## LEGAL STANDARDS AND BACKGROUND FACTS

- 1. I incorporate by reference the statements that I made in all of the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. The following excerpts from <u>Brown v. Board of Regents of University of Nebraska</u>, 640

  F. Supp. 674 (D. Neb. 1986) and <u>Nichols v. Hager</u>, No. 3: 04-CV-0559-LRH-LRL (D. Nev. Aug. 1, 2012) confirm that I had a First Amendment right to have attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall from within the room in which it was conducted shortly before it began, as it was conducted, and shortly after it ended:

### Brown v. Board of Regents of University of Nebraska:

"The First Amendment not only safeguards free speech and press, but public places for purposes of expressive activity. A constitutional right of access to a public forum is

guaranteed to all."

# Nichols v. Hager, No. 3: 04-CV-0559-LRH-LRL (D. Nev. Aug. 1, 2012):

- "Nichols has thus shown sufficient evidence that her constitutional right to attend a public meeting was violated."
- 3. The discussion that follows addresses critically significant remarks that former Second Circuit Judge Christopher Droney stated on 3/26/19 during the oral arguments hearing that was conducted in *Knight First Amendment Inst. Columbia v. Trump*, 928 F.3d 226 (2d Cir. 2019) as he was recorded on video while making them. Athough the findings that were expressed in the written decisions that were issued in *Knight First Amendment Inst.*Columbia v. Trump, 928 F.3d 226 (2d Cir. 2019) and *Knight First Amendment Institute v.*Trump, 302 F. Supp. 3d 541 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) focused on public forums that exist through the use of Twitter, much of what was discussed during the oral arguments hearings in those cases addressed public forums that are conducted in the physical world that include town hall meetings that are conducted inside of schools. In fact, *Knight First Amendment Inst.*Columbia v. Trump, 928 F.3d 226 (2d Cir. 2020) confirmed that people have and have had a legal right to attend public forums that occur in the real world apart from Twitter and other social media platforms. The following are a pair of relevant excerpts from that decision:
  - a. "A simple analogy to physical public fora makes it clear that the distinction between a tweet and its interactive space is appropriate: at a town hall meeting held by public officials, statements made by the officials are protected government speech. If, however, public comment is allowed at the gathering—as it is on any tweet posted to the Account—the officials may not preclude persons from participating in the debate based on their viewpoints. Significantly, that discrimination is impermissible even when the public forum is limited and is "of [the State's] own creation." Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of University of Virginia, 515 U.S. 819, 829 (1995); see also Perry Educ. Ass'n v. Perry Local Educators' Ass'n, 460 U.S. 37, 45 (1983) ("The Constitution forbids a state to enforce certain exclusions from a forum generally open to the public even if it was not required to create the forum in the first place")."

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- b. "Excluding people from an otherwise public forum such as this by blocking those who express views critical of a public official is, we concluded, unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination."
- 4. The Second Circuit's decision in *Knight First Amendment Inst. Columbia v. Trump*, 928 F.3d 226 (2d Cir. 2020) was based upon the earlier decision that it issued in it as well as the decision that U.S. District Judge Norma Reice Buchwald issued in it at the district court level. The term "town hall" appears no less than 11 times in the written transcript that was prepared from the oral hearing that Judge Buchwald conducted on 3/8/18 in *Knight First Amendment Institute v. Trump*, 302 F. Supp. 3d 541 (S.D.N.Y. 2018) before she issued her 5/23/18 decision in that case.
- 5. The discussion that follows addresses the oral arguments hearing that the Second Circuit conducted on 3/26/19 in *Knight First Amendment Inst. Columbia v. Trump*, 928 F.3d 226 (2d Cir. 2019) as C-Span recorded that hearing on video. That video recording has accurate closed-captioning available for its playback and is available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.c-span.org/video/?459092-1/circuit-hears-oral-argument-presidents-twitter-account-case">https://www.c-span.org/video/?459092-1/circuit-hears-oral-argument-presidents-twitter-account-case</a>. The following remark that former Second Circuit Judge Christopher Droney made about First Amendment rights in public forums that exist in such places as streets, sidewalks, and parks instead of the Internet during that oral arguments hearing was recorded at the elapsed time of 13 minutes and 2 seconds in that video:
  - "For the First Amendment, it doesn't really have to be much more burdensome. If it's more burdensome at all, if you have to move down the street, that violates the First Amendment."
- 6. What follows are 4 screenshots from that video as I played it back with closed-captioning turned on that show Judge Droney as he made the remarks that correspond to the preceding

excerpt and is otherwise heard making them as the video camera that recorded that hearing turned away from him as he made those remarks. Those screenshots and Judge Droney's statements during that hearing that apply to them, the First Amendment, public forums, and being coerced to move down the street in regards to efforts that are taken to lawfully attend public forums from within the rooms in which they are conducted as they are conducted confirm that defendants in this action illegally prevented me from attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as they subjected me to illegal segregation and discrimination in violation of my rights pursuant to the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment, New York State's Open Meetings Law, and other applicable laws in relation to my efforts to lawfully attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. One of the ways that they did so was by having illegally coerced me to move away from where I was lawfully waiting in a line with other members of the public on 9/14/17 to be granted access to the public school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall to attend that town hall from within the room in which it was conducted. I recall having arrived to the site of that town hall on 9/14/17 sufficiently early and prior to 6:15 pm that enabled me to wait near the front of that line for that purpose before that town hall began.









7. <u>Kittay v. Giuliani</u>, 112 F. Supp. 2d 342 (S.D.N.Y. 2000) explicitly states "that individuals have a right to communicate directly to government officials". Acts and omissions that are committed by government personnel that prevent people from attending public forums by being in the same room as government officials with whom they then seek to exercise their rights pursuant to the First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment to "communicate directly to government officials" directly violates this finding from <u>Kittay v. Giuliani</u> because such illegal prior restraints on First Amendment rights of peaceable assembly, expressive association, speech and other forms of expression, petitioning for redress, and receiving information illegally block direct communication with government officials by those who are barred from such rooms.

- 8. <u>Citizens United v. Schneiderman</u>, 203 F. Supp. 3d 397 (S.D.N.Y. 2016) addressed illegal prior restraints on First Amendment rights as follows:
  - "A prior restraint on speech violates the First Amendment if it places "unbridled discretion in the hands of a government official or agency." <u>City of Lakewood v. Plain Dealer Pub. Co.</u>, 486 U.S. 750, 757, 108 S.Ct. 2138, 100 L.Ed.2d 771 (1988)."
- 9. In *Elrod v. Burns*, 427 U.S. 347, 96 S. Ct. 2673, 49 L. Ed. 2d 547 (1976), the U.S. Supreme Court stated that the "loss of First Amendment freedoms, for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury".
- 10. The following excerpt from <u>Hartman v. Moore</u>, 547 U.S. 250, 126 S. Ct. 1695, 164 L. Ed. 2d 441 (2006) confirms that government personnel are prohibited from subjecting people to reprisals in response to protected conduct:
  - "Official reprisal for protected speech "offends the Constitution [because] it threatens to inhibit exercise of the protected right," *Crawford-El v. Britton, 523* U. S. 574, 588, n. 10 (1998), and the law is settled that as a general matter the First Amendment prohibits government officials from subjecting an individual to retaliatory actions, including criminal prosecutions, for speaking out, *id.*, at 592; see also *Perry* v. *Sindermann, 408* U. S. 593, 597 (1972) (noting that the government may not punish a person or deprive him of a benefit on the basis of his "constitutionally protected speech"). Some official actions adverse to such a speaker might well be unexceptionable if taken on other grounds, but when nonretaliatory grounds are in fact insufficient to provoke the adverse consequences, we have held that retaliation is subject to recovery as the but-for cause of official action offending the Constitution. See *Crawford-El, supra,* at 593; *Mt. Healthy City Bd. of Ed.* v. *Doyle, 429* U. S. 274, 283-284 (1977)"
- 11. Findings in *Piesco v. City of New York, Dept. of Personnel*, 933 F.2d 1149 (2d Cir. 1991) and *Hampton Bays Connections, Inc. v. Duffy*, 127 F. Supp. 2d 364 (E.D.N.Y. 2001) explicitly confirm that all of the following are constitutionally protected activities:
  - a. Commencing Article 78 proceedings and attending public meetings and hearings.
  - b. Circulating a petition.
  - c. Testifying to a government body while engaging in a free discussion of

- governmental affairs that was partly about the manner in which government should be operated instead of how it was being operated.
- d. Appealing a decision by a city agency.
- e. Petitioning for government reforms.
- f. Appealing the denial of public assistance benefits.
- 12. Prior to and immediately leading up to 9/14/17, I actively participated in all of the preceding types of protected conduct and otherwise tried to do so as I was illegally prevented from doing so on both 8/30/17 and 9/8/17 by members of the NYPD at the Mayor's 8/30/17 town hall and the Mayor's 9/8/17 public hearing. Defendant Nieves and Mr. Redmond were personally involved with other members of the NYPD in having caused me to be illegally ejected from the Mayor's 8/30/17 town hall in retaliation for protected speech I engaged in while talking with other members of the public near me that was largely against Mr. Redmond. That occurred as I lawfully sat in the gym that would shortly thereafter begin hosting that town hall. Mr. Redmond illegally and deliberately initiated physical contact with my body then and there that I immediately objected to while I ordered him to get away from me and to leave me alone. After he eventually walked away, Defendant Nieves approached where I continued to lawfully sit and conduct myself and illegally coerced me to leave that gym by illegally making physical contact with my body and illegally seizing my backpack. Other members of the NYPD thereafter joined him in illegally coercing me to leave that gym while also illegally pushing from behind. Findings in Wright v. Musanti, No. 14-cv-8976 (KBF)(S.D.N.Y. Jan. 20, 2017) confirm that the physical contact that was made with my body by members of the NYPD while I was in that gym on 8/30/17 constituted assault against me because I regarded that contact as offensive.
- 13. Defendant Cruz was personally involved in having illegally prevented me from walking

past him on 9/8/17 to enter City Hall to attend and testify against the NYPD and Mayor during the Mayor's 9/8/17 public hearing. Mr. Cruz did so then while he was assigned to the NYPD guardhouse that is located just inside of the entrance to City Hall by Park Row. The NYPD thereafter illegally didn't provide me video recordings from its video security cameras in that area in response to a timely FOIL demand that I submitted for those public records. Instead, the NYPD illegally destroyed that evidence.

- 14. Prior to trying to attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall, I was actively involved in litigation activity against the City of New York and the defendants. On 9/5/17, New York State Supreme Court Judge Alexander Tisch issued an order in my HRA lawsuit in which he flagrantly violated my First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights to then be able to effectively petition for redress, have access to the courts, and be accorded proper due process by him in a manner would be in full accordance with *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397 U.S. 254, 90 S. Ct. 1011, 25 L. Ed. 2d 287 (1970) clearly expressed is required of due process. *Goldberg v. Kelly* requires due process to be granted at a meaningful time in a meaningful way that is tailored to an individual's circumstances and capacity to be heard. The order that Judge Tisch issued on 9/5/17 in my HRA lawsuit was in response to an order to show cause application that I submitted in that case while New York State Supreme Court Judge Nancy Bannon was on vacation and could not hear that application then for that reason. He also issued that order while Judge Bannon was then running for re-election as a judge and after she behaved in the following ways while she was assigned to my HRA lawsuit:
  - a. She illegally granted an illegal ex-parte adjournment application that an attorney for HRA named Jeffrey Mosczyc caused to be faxed to her chambers on 4/5/17 in which he asked her to adjourn the oral arguments hearing that she set on 1/26/17

to be conducted on 4/12/17 in my HRA lawsuit. She illegally granted that in spite of the fact that I was never given any notice of that application before she illegally granted it. I certainly had a First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment right to have submitted opposition in response to that illegal ex-parte adjournment application and to have my opposition fully and properly considered by her prior to her making a decision about Mr. Mosczyc's illegal ex-parte adjournment application. Instead, Judge Bannon's court clerk left me a voicemail message at 9:56 am on 4/11/17 in which he apprised me of the fact that Judge Bannon illegally granted Mr. Mosczyc's illegal 4/5/17 ex-parte adjournment application. I instantly knew that Mr. Mosczyc had engaged in illegal gamesmanship by submitting his illegal 4/5/17 adjournment application in an ex-parte manner that is explicitly prohibited by the New York State Court System's regulations, Judge Bannon's written rules of practice, and my First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights. I immediately knew all of that largely because my HRA lawsuit was then parallel litigation with respect to related litigation that I was engaged in against HRA about identical claims that was assigned to OTDA. On 4/11/17, OTDA conducted a fair hearing between HRA and I by telephone that both OTDA and I recorded on audio. My audio recording of that hearing was among the exhibits that I stored on the USB thumb drive that I submitted in my HRA lawsuit in conjunction with my 5/19/17 order to show cause application. The sum and substance of what is heard in that audio recording confirms that Judge Bannon in her 8/10/17 decision by claiming that I hadn't exhausted my administrative remedies for claims that I asserted against HRA as she then

referred to OTDA as the New York State administrative appellate forum for claims asserted against HRA. An attorney for HRA named Marin Gerber both lied about material matters during that 4/11/17 OTDA fair hearing and flagrantly violated res judicata for matters that were already decided in my favor against HRA in relation to the fair hearing decision that OTDA issued in my favor against HRA on 9/15/16 that OTDA illegally thereafter refused to fully enforce and HRA refused to fully comply with. Also, the OTDA administrative law judge who presided over my 4/11/17 fair hearing with HRA confirmed that she wouldn't allow that hearing to address additional claims that I asserted against HRA that Jackie Donovan of OTDA's compliance division had added to the agenda for that 4/11/17 fair hearing. I'm referring to additional claims that I apprised OTDA about in a 62-page fax that I faxed to OTDA on 2/9/17 in order for it to perform its legal duty to have fair hearings conducted within 30 days thereafter to address those claims against HRA. OTDA instead illegally never conducted a fair hearing about those additional claims and continued to illegally bar me from its offices located at 14 Boerum Place in Brooklyn where it conducts fair hearings in flagrant violation of my constitutional rights while never granting me any due process to allow me to challenge the lack of validity for that ban and discrimination. OTDA has been illegally barring me from that office ever since an OTDA administrative law judge illegally terminated a fair hearing that I participated in at that office on 7/5/16 while OTDA recorded it on audio. That audio recording confirms that administrative law judge illegally terminated that fair hearing while I was in the middle of trying to lawfully answer a question that

- I was asked during it.
- b. She illegally ignored material and admissible evidence that I submitted in that case on 5/19/17 in conjunction with an order to show cause application. That evidence was stored on a USB thumb drive and mostly consisted of relevant audio and video recordings.
- c. She ignored an application that I made in my 5/19/17 order to show cause application to have my HRA lawsuit unsealed, the City of New York ordered to enable me to attend public meetings that the Mayor and Mr. Banks would thereafter continue to conduct, and the City of New York ordered to preserve video recording evidence that was recorded on 4/27/17 at the site of the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall at which I was illegally prevented from attending the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall. My HRA lawsuit was sealed in January of 2017 at my request and I sought for it to be unsealed on 5/19/17 largely to be able to be tter publicize Judge Bannon's misconduct in my HRA lawsuit and the illegal acts and omissions that members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail, other members of the NYPD, and members of the Mayor's staff had been committing against me since the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall. In short, I sought to lawfully use the sum and substance of my HRA lawsuit as a weapon to engage in large-scale character assassinations to ruin the re-election hopes of the Mayor, Judge Bannon, members of the City Council, and other government officials in 2017 largely by engaging in word-of-mouth advertising about its entirety while attending public forums that members of the public conducted in a collaborative manner with the Mayor, Mr. Banks, other government officials, and journalists in the rooms in which they

- were conducted as they were conducted, shortly before they began, and shortly after they ended while they were recorded on video that was broadcast over the Internet.
- d. She lied in the decision that she issued on 8/10/17 in that case. In that decision, she lied partly by suggesting that I had claimed that HRA stole wages of mine in spite of the fact that I never claimed that and I never worked for HRA. She also severed claims that I asserted in that case from her jurisdiction through that decision that caused those matters to be reassigned to Judge Tisch, who then arbitrarily, capriciously, and illegally refused to begin dealing with those severed and transferred claims until after 9/1/18 in flagrant violation of my First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights. Judge Tisch instead illegally referred those transferred back to Judge Bannon through his 9/5/17 order while essentially treating them like the Coronavirus and a hot potato that he wanted to have absolutely nothing to do with.
- e. She a) lied in her 1/31/18 decision in my HRA lawsuit by fraudulently claiming that there wasn't anything that she overlooked and misapprehended in issuing her 8/10/17 decision and b) illegally disposed of my HRA lawsuit in its entirety in spite of the fact that I continued to have claims that were pending to be addressed in it by virtue of the fact that she previously severed them from her jurisdiction in her 8/10/17 decision. Judge Tisch thereafter illegally waited until 9/17/18 to issue an order that reinstated my HRA lawsuit. He thereafter illegally did nothing to adjudicate my claims in my HRA lawsuit that Judge Bannon caused to be assigned to him.

15. The next screenshot is from the last page of Judge Bannon's 8/10/17 decision in my HRA lawsuit. The remarks that she expressed in it refer to my having been illegally prevented from attending the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall and the Mayor's 5/23/17 resource fair meeting partly by Defendants Nieves, Gerola, and Atcheson while I was conducting myself lawfully.

unlawfully precluded the petitioner/plaintiff from attending certain public meetings, and seek both damages and injunctive relief, are severed, and the matter is referred to the Trial Support Office for reassignment to a City Part of this court.

This constitutes the Decision, Order, and Judgment of the Court.

Dated: August 10, 2017

ENTER:

HON, NANCY M. BANNO

16. The following excerpt from *Reno v. American Civil Liberties Union*, 521 U.S. 844, 117 S. Ct. 2329, 138 L. Ed. 2d 874 (1997) relates to how protected speech of public concern that I engaged in and sought to continue to engage in against the Mayor, Mr. Banks, HRA, HRA's business partners that include Urban and NTT, the Mayor's NYPD security detail, other members of the NYPD, other government personnel, whistleblower news censors in journalism,

having me attend public forums that the Mayor and other government officials conducted on and after 3/15/17 while they were recorded on video that was broadcast over the Internet, attended by

OTDA, Judge Bannon and other judges, New York State court officers could be amplified by

after 3/15/17 while they were recorded on video that was broadcast over the Internet, attended by

members of the public who took photographs and recorded video recordings while doing so and otherwise reported about what was discussed during them, and attended by members of the press who reported about matters that were discussed during them:

"Through the use of chat rooms, any person with a phone line can become a town crier with a voice that resonates farther than it could from any soapbox. Through the use of Web pages, mail exploders, and newsgroups, the same individual can become a pamphleteer. As the District Court found, "the content on the Internet is as diverse as human thought." 929 F. Supp., at 842 (finding 74). We agree with its conclusion that our cases provide no basis for qualifying the level of First Amendment scrutiny that should be applied to this medium."

17. If garbage in New York City's fake news industry that included the following people and many more in 2017 had opted to responsibly stop wrongfully subjecting me to whistleblower news censorship as they instead served as dutiful and subservient accomplices of the Mayor's administration and the NYPD to rig the outcomes of the 2017 New York City government elections for the benefit of the Mayor's administration, City Council, other government officials, and NYPD by engaging in behavior that is tantamount to voter suppression, voter fraud, viewpoint discrimination, and whistleblower retaliation, then I wouldn't have needed to try to attend public forums that the Mayor and other government officials conducted in 2017 after 3/15/17 as much to try to overcome and equitably expose their censorship that proximately enabled widespread terrorism by the NYPD across New York City since May of this year:

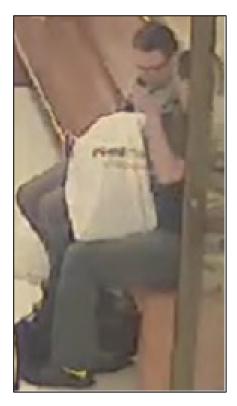
Grace Rauh, Gloria Pazmino, Michael Gartland, Graham Rayman, Erin Durkin, Jillian Jorgensen, Errol Louis, Courtney Gross, Mara Gay, David Goodman, Matthew Chayes, Ben Max, Julia Marsh, Madina Toure, Yoav Gonen, Jeff C. Mays, Gwynne Hogan, Jessica Layton

18. I recall Julia Marsh having told me during a telephone call that she threw away a copy of my 5/19/17 order to show cause application in my HRA lawsuit after I asked her if I could get it back from her after she informed me that the New York Post wouldn't pursue any reporting about my HRA lawsuit. That occurred after I was recorded on video on 5/23/17 as I talked with

Mr. Gartland on 5/23/17 face-to-face inside of the Bronx Supreme Court as I was being illegally prevented from attending the Mayor's 5/23/17 resource fair as I clearly told him then that I was illegally prevented from attending the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall as well and that I was a whistleblower against the Mayor's administration and the NYPD as I also then had an ongoing lawsuit against HRA. During that meeting, I showed him a copy of my 5/19/17 order to show cause application that I brought with me to discuss with Mr. Banks, the Mayor, journalists, and members of the public while attending the Mayor's 5/23/17 resource fair. I also wrote down the index number of my HRA lawsuit and my contact information on a notepad that he handed to me as we sat next to one another on a bench in that courthouse on 5/23/17 to enable him to followup with me about my HRA lawsuit. The next 2 screenshots are from a video recording that was recorded on 5/23/17 by a video security camera that OCA controls that was then installed above the entrance to Room 105 on the first floor of the Bronx Supreme Court. OCA provided me that video recording in response to a FOIL demand that I submitted to it. Those screenshots correspond to parts of that video that were recorded between 9:30 am and 10 am on 5/23/17 as the Mayor's 5/23/17 resource fair was conducted in the Veterans' Memorial Hall chamber located in that courthouse during the U.S. Navy's annual "Fleet Week" event in New York City, and while I continued to be a Navy veteran that the Mayor's administration and NYPD were stabbing in the back by flagrantly violating my constitutional rights at public forums to steal the 2017 New York City government elections by doing their utmost to illegally silence and prevent valid criticism against the Mayor's administration, its business partners, and members of the NYPD at public forums that the Mayor, Mr. Banks, members of the City Council, and other government officials jointly conducted with the public, journalists, and whistleblower news censors in journalism. These screenshots show me as I a) took a notepad from Mr. Gartland for

the purpose that I discussed above and **b)** showed him the copy of my 5/19/17 order to show cause application in my HRA lawsuit that was in a large white bag of mine.





- 19. The following are relevant excerpts from <u>Piesco v. City of New York, Dept. of Personnel</u> that underscore what I have discussed above:
  - a. A statement that is made about the competency of a police officer "clearly is a matter of public concern" because "the police officer represents the most basic unit of government, one which arguably most affects the day-to-day lives of the citizenry".
  - b. "Whatever differences may exist about interpretations of the First Amendment, there is practically universal agreement that a major purpose of that Amendment was to protect the free discussion of governmental affairs. This of course includes discussions of candidates, structures and forms of government, *the manner in which government is operated or should be operated*, and all such matters relating to political processes."
  - c. "The Supreme Court has recognized that one of the critical purposes of the first amendment is to provide society with a basis to make informed decisions about the government."

- d. The "first amendment guarantees that debate on public issues is "`uninhibited, robust, and wide open".
- e. Speech "on matters of public concern is that speech which lies `at the heart of the First Amendment's protection'".
- f. "A court is required to accept as true a plaintiff's allegation that retaliatory actions by the City of New York were precipitated by prior testimony he or she gave to a committee."
- g. "Without a searching inquiry into these motives, those intent on punishing the exercise of constitutional rights could easily mask their behavior behind a complex web of post hoc rationalizations."
- h. Summary "judgment is inappropriate when 'questions of motive predominate in the inquiry about how big a role" "protected behavior played in" causing an adverse action to occur.
- 20. The following excerpt from <u>McCutcheon v. Federal Election Com'n</u>, 134 S. Ct. 1434, 572 U.S. 185, 188 L. Ed. 2d 468 (2014) also addresses illegal prior restraints on First Amendment rights:
  - a. "The First Amendment "is designed and intended to remove governmental restraints from the arena of public discussion, putting the decision as to what views shall be voiced largely into the hands of each of us, ... in the belief that no other approach would comport with the premise of individual dignity and choice upon which our political system rests." *Cohen v. California*, 403 U.S. 15, 24, 91 S.Ct. 1780, 29 L.Ed.2d 284 (1971). As relevant here, the First Amendment safeguards an individual's right to participate in the public debate through political expression and political association. See *Buckley*, 424 U.S., at 15, 96 S.Ct. 612."
  - b. "First Amendment rights are important regardless whether the individual is, on the one hand, a "lone pamphleteer[] or street corner orator[] in the Tom Paine mold," or is, on the other, someone who spends "substantial amounts of money in order to communicate [his] political ideas through sophisticated" means. *National Conservative Political Action Comm.*, 470 U.S., at 493, 105 S.Ct. 1459. Either way, he is participating in an electoral debate that we have recognized is "integral to the operation of the system of government established by our Constitution." *Buckley, supra*, at 14, 96 S.Ct. 612."
- 21. The following excerpt from *New York Times Co. v. United States*, 403 U.S. 713, 91 S. Ct. 2140, 29 L. Ed. 2d 822 (1971) addresses illegal prior restraints on First Amendment rights:

"Any system of prior restraints of expression comes to this Court bearing a heavy presumption against its constitutional validity." <u>Bantam Books, Inc. v. Sullivan, 372 U. S. 58, 70 (1963)</u>; see also <u>Near v. Minnesota, 283 U. S. 697 (1931)</u>. The Government "thus carries a heavy burden of showing justification for the imposition of such a restraint." <u>Organization for a Better Austin v. Keefe, 402 U. S. 415, 419 (1971)</u>. The District Court for the Southern District of New York in the <u>New York Times</u> case and the District Court for the District of Columbia and the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the <u>Washington Post</u> case held that the Government had not met that burden. We agree."

22. The following is a relevant excerpt from <u>Doe v. City of New York</u>, No. 18-cv-670 (ARR)(JO) (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 9, 2020) that confirms that I had a First Amendment right to criticize all government personnel who were at the site of the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall without being retaliated against for doing so:

""[t]he right to criticize public officials is at the heart of the First Amendment's right of free speech." *Kaluczky v. City of White Plains*, 57 F.3d 202, 210 (2d Cir. 1995) (citing *N.Y. Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 282 (1964)). Indeed, the "right to criticize the police without reprisal" is "clearly" an "interest protected by the First Amendment," *Kerman v. City of New York*, 261 F.3d 229, 241-42 (2d Cir. 2001), as "[t]he First Amendment protects a significant amount of verbal criticism and challenge directed at police officers[,]" *id.* at 242 (quoting *City of Houston v. Hill*, 482 U.S. 451, 461 (1987)). Thus, on summary judgment, the Second Circuit has held that a plaintiff established a First Amendment retaliation claim when he proffered facts showing that police officers retaliated against him for making derogatory comments to the officers and for threatening to sue them. *Kerman*, 261 F.3d at 241-42. [3]""

23. The following excerpt from <u>Puckett v. City of Glen Cove</u>, 631 F. Supp. 2d 226 (E.D.N.Y. 2009) reinforces the preceding findings from <u>Doe v. City of New York</u>:

"Plaintiff must first allege that she engaged in protected activity to state a First Amendment claim of retaliation. The First Amendment protects the right of access to the courts, and an individual's right to complain to public officials. *Lewis v. Casey*, 518 U.S. 343, 350, 116 S.Ct. 2174, 135 L.Ed.2d 606 (1996) (right of access); *Monsky v. Moraghan*, 127 F.3d 243, 246 (2d Cir.1997) (right of access); *Patriots Way, LLC v. Marconi*, 2007 WL 988712 \*4 (D.Conn.2007); *see Colondres v. Scoppetta*, 290 F.Supp.2d 376, 381 (E.D.N.Y.2003) (right of access is "bound up" with the First Amendment right to petition the government); *Gagliardi*, 18 F.3d at 194-95 (right to complain to public officials protected by First Amendment). These First Amendment rights include the right to be free from retaliation for their exercise. *Colondres*, 290 F.Supp.2d at 382; *see Patriots Way*, 2007 WL 988712 \*6."

24. <u>Hershey v. Kansas City Kansas Community College</u>, No. 2: 16-cv-2251-JTM (D. Kan. Feb. 17, 2017) includes the following findings about standardless discretion that is used to violate constitutional rights at public forums and confirms that those who are denied access to a public forum in violation of their constitutional rights as a result of standardless discretion aren't required to establish that he or she was discriminated against in that way because of the content of his or her expression with respect to the First Amendment:

"Because plaintiff has alleged that access to the public forum is based on "standardless discretion" of College officials, he need not show that he was discriminated against based on the content of his materials. "A government regulation that allows arbitrary application is `inherently inconsistent with a valid time, place, and manner regulation because such discretion has the potential for becoming a means of suppressing a particular point of view." Forsyth Cty., Ga. v. Nationalist Movement, 505 U.S. 123, 130 (1992)"

(boldface formatting added for emphasis)

25. <u>Hopper v. City of Pasco</u>, 241 F.3d 1067 (9th Cir. 2001) also addresses standardless discretion as follows:

"Courts have also been reluctant to accept policies based on subjective or overly general criteria. "'[S]tandards for inclusion and exclusion' in a limited public forum 'must be unambiguous and definite' if the 'concept of a designated public forum is to retain any vitality whatever." Christ's Bride, 148 F.3d at 251 (quoting Gregoire v. Centennial Sch. Distr., 907 F.2d 1366, 1375 (3d Cir.1990)). Absent objective standards, government officials may use their discretion to interpret the policy as a pretext for censorship. See Board of Educ. v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226, 244-45, 110 S.Ct. 2356, 110 L.Ed.2d 191 (1990) (generalized definition of permissible content poses risk of arbitrary application); Putnam Pit, Inc. v. City of Cookeville, 221 F.3d 834, 845-46 (6th Cir.2000) ("broad discretion [given] to city officials [raises] possibility of discriminatory application of the policy based on viewpoint"); Cinevision Corp. v. City of Burbank, 745 F.2d at 560 (9th Cir.1984) (vague standard has "potential for abuse"); Gregoire, 907 F.2d at 1374-75 ("virtually unlimited discretion" granted to city officials raises danger of arbitrary application); see also City of Lakewood v. Plain Dealer Publ. Co., 486 U.S. 750, 758-59, 108 S.Ct. 2138, 100 L.Ed.2d 771 (1988) (absence of express standards in licensing context raises dual threat of biased administration of policy and self-censorship by licensees). Therefore, "the more subjective the standard used, the more likely that the category will not meet the requirements of the first amendment." Cinevision, 745 F.2d at 575; see also Christ's Bride, 148 F.3d at 251 (suppression of speech under defective standard requires closer scrutiny)."

- 26. In *Matal v. Tam*, 137 S. Ct. 1744, 582 U.S., 198 L. Ed. 2d 366 (2017), the U.S. Supreme Court stated the following about viewpoint discrimination:
  - "Giving offense is a viewpoint. The "public expression of ideas may not be prohibited merely because the ideas are themselves offensive to some of their hearers." <u>Street v. New York, 394 U.S. 576, 592, 89 S.Ct. 1354, 22 L.Ed.2d 572</u>. Pp. 1761-1764.
- 27. On 2/19/20, a leader and trailblazer named David Rem lawfully and awesomely performed a key civic duty by standing up during the public town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted in Forest Hills in Queens as he told the Mayor that he was New York City's worst Mayor ever while that town hall meeting was recorded on video as a result of arrangements that the Mayor's office made. That video is available on the Internet at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5le6DCaxiG8. Mr. Rem is shown in that video at the elapsed time of 1 hour, 37 minutes, and 55 seconds as he told the Mayor that he was New York City's worst Mayor ever. In response to that criticism, Mr. Rem received cheers and applause from members of that town hall's audience as one of those people rose from his seat to applaud Mr. Rem and pay proper respect to him for his leadership and outspokenness while taking the gloves off so to speak at the Mayor's expense in such a refreshing way during that public forum. This proves that the finding in Cohen v. California, 403 U.S. 15, 91 S. Ct. 1780, 29 L. Ed. 2d 284 (1971) that states that "it is nevertheless often true that one man's vulgarity is another's lyric" is true during public forums that the Mayor conducts. This discussion also confirms that I had a First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment right to beat Mr. Rem to the punch on 9/14/17 by attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the room in which it was conducted and similarly criticizing the Mayor, Mr. Banks, members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail, members of the Mayor's staff, and many others while doing so. It's worth pointing out that Mr. Rem was illegally retaliated against in violation of his First Amendment rights on 2/19/20 as the Mayor

used a hand signal to illegally direct Mr. Redmond and others to coerce Mr. Rem to abruptly leave that town hall.

28. On a related note, the following findings that the Second Circuit issued in <u>Ragbir v.</u>

<u>Homan</u>, 923 F.3d 53 (2d Cir. 2019) address viewpoint discrimination and acts committed by government personnel against a leading activist named Ravidath Ragbir in retaliation for efforts that he undertook to try to attract news coverage against ICE:

""It is a fundamental principle of the First Amendment that the government may not punish or suppress speech based on disapproval of the ideas or perspectives the speech conveys." <u>Matal v. Tam, U.S.</u>, 137 S.Ct. 1744, 1765, 198 L.Ed.2d 366 (2017). "Such discriminat[ion] based on viewpoint is an 'egregious form of content discrimination,' which is 'presumptively unconstitutional." [24] Id. at 1766 (quoting <u>Rosenberger v. Rector & Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819, 829-30, 115 S.Ct. 2510, 132 L.Ed.2d 700 (1995)</u>). The Supreme Court has further described viewpoint discrimination as a "blatant" "violation of the First Amendment." <u>Rosenberger</u>, 515 U.S. at 829, 115 S.Ct. 2510.

Ragbir's plausible allegations and evidence, which we must accept as true at this juncture, support that the Government singled him out for deportation based not only on the viewpoint of his political speech, but on the public attention it received. In a declaration by Micah Bucey, a New York City minister, Bucey asserts that ICE's New York City Field Office Director, Scott Mechkowski, stated that Ragbir and Jean Montrevil were ICE's two most prominent cases in New York City and complained that the activists' protests and comments to the press negatively portrayed ICE to the public and to others in the Government. According to Bucey, Mechkowski stated: "Nobody gets beat up in the news more than we do, every single day. It's all over the place, ... how we're the Nazi squad, we have no compassion." App'x 252. Mechkowski then stated that he had heard Ragbir's New Sanctuary cofounder Montrevil (whom ICE had also just detained) "ma[ke] some very harsh statements. I'm like, 'Jean, from me to you... you don't want to make matters worse by saying things." App'x 252 (emphasis added). Mechkowski then turned to Ragbir specifically, stating that it "bother[ed]" him that "there isn't anybody in this entire building that doesn't ... know about Ravi." App'x 253. "Everybody knows this case," Mechkowski stated, "[n]o matter where you go." App'x 253. Ragbir's counsel Alina Das also submitted a declaration stating that she spoke with Mechkowski, who expressed "resentment" about the events of the March 9, 2017 check-in and disapprovingly mentioned that he had heard Ragbir's statements to the press. App'x 55-56, 123.

A plausible, clear inference is drawn that Ragbir's public expression of his criticism, and its prominence, played a significant role in the recent attempts to

remove him."

- 29. The retaliation that Mr. Ragbir experienced in retaliation for his efforts to receive news coverage is comparable to illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me on 9/14/17 by the defendants that prevented me from attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall in the room in which it was conducted. I believe that those acts and omissions were partly driven by efforts that I undertook to attract news coverage partly about a) my HRA lawsuit and b) illegal acts and omissions that members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail, other members of the NYPD, members of the Mayor's staff, the Mayor, Defendant O'Neill had been committing against me since 4/27/17 in relation to my efforts to lawfully attend public forums that members of the public conducted in a collaborative manner with the Mayor, Mr. Banks, other government personnel, whistleblower news censors in journalism, and journalists within the rooms in which they were conducted as they were conducted.
- 30. Concerning what I just discussed, I received a 374-page PDF file from the Mayor's office on 2/15/19 in response to a FOIL demand that I submitted to it. That PDF file includes e-mail messages that senior members of the Mayor's staff, Mr. Redmond, and others sent about me in 2017 about illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me by themselves, Mr. Redmond, and others in relation to my efforts to lawfully attend public forums that consisted of public town hall meetings and public resource fair meetings in the rooms in which they were conducted as they were conducted that were conducted on 4/11/17, 4/27/17, 5/23/17, 6/8/17 by members of the public in a collaborative manner with the Mayor, Mr. Banks, members of the City Council, other government officials, whistleblower news censors in journalism, and members of the press. Redactions were applied to the many of the e-mail messages shown in that PDF file before I received it. That PDF file includes e-mail messages that were sent on 6/28/17

and 6/29/17 about me between a) Erin Durkin while she then worked for the New York Daily News and b) Defendant Ramos and the Mayor's former mouthpiece, Eric Phillips. E-mail messages in that PDF file also confirm that the following members of the Mayor's administration communicated updates on 4/10/17 and 6/28/17 to other members of the Mayor's administration about the status of my HRA lawsuit and related litigation that was assigned to OTDA that I pursued against HRA before Defendant Ramos blatantly lied to Ms. Durkin about that on 6/28/17 at 5:42 pm as she committed defamation against me in the process:

Raquel Lucas of HRA on 4/10/17 at 5:24 pm. That e-mail message served to help a. those who received it to engage in damage-control and intense screening against me partly in preparation for my planned attendance on 4/11/17 at the Mayor's public resource fair meeting that he would conduct in Staten Island then. That email message was sent after Jeffrey Mosczyc of HRA submitted an illegal exparte adjournment application on 4/5/17 in my HRA lawsuit through which he and Judge Bannon used a fraudulent pretext to flagrantly commit obstruction of justice and witness tampering against me as they criminally stole my First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment right to testify as originally scheduled in the oral arguments hearing on 4/12/17 in my HRA lawsuit. That damage-control and screening was also about a) my fair hearing with OTDA against HRA on 4/11/17 and **b)** whistleblowing that I engaged in as I talked with the Mayor on 3/15/17 during the town hall meeting he conducted and in an e-mail message that I sent to Shauna Stribula of the Mayor's CAU on 3/16/17 at 10:54 pm after I met her during that 3/15/17 town hall that both Mr. Gartland and Mr. Redmond attended as well before Mr. Gartland nor any other whistleblower news censor in

journalism reported anything about what I talked with the Mayor about during that town hall. That e-mail message from Ms. Lucas on 4/10/17 appears on pages 211 and 212 within that PDF file and has redactions applied to it in numerous areas. Ms. Lucas then worked as a special assistant for Mr. Banks. The subject line of that e-mail message is: "Staten Island Resource Fair 4/11 Re: Towaki Komatsu". The next screenshot from that e-mail message confirms that Ms. Lucas apprised the recipients of that e-mail message of confidential litigation matters that were between HRA and I that concerned my 4/11/17 OTDA fair hearing in violation of applicable privacy laws that include New York State Social Services Law §136(2) and 18 NYCRR §357:

In addition to his claims for legal services, he has also made a claim for reimbursement for three months in 2016

His claim is subject to a fair hearing before the state tomorrow.

Also, the fact that e-mail message was sent by Ms. Lucas to the following people naturally raises a question about what were the specific, credible, legitimate, and justifiable reasons why 6 senior members of the Mayor's administration that included a Harvard Law School graduate paid such special attention to me a) one day before I would engage in litigation against HRA that was assigned to OTDA, b) 2 days before I was then scheduled to engage in related litigation against HRA while presenting oral arguments publicly against HRA in my HRA lawsuit while the scope of my claims in it were far more extensive and damaging to the Mayor's administration and its business partners, and c) one day before I would attend the Mayor's 4/11/17 public resource fair meeting outside of which Mr. Banks yet again flat-out lied to my face about my efforts to obtain pro-bono legal

representation or legal assistance from HRA's legal services partners through referrals that I received to them by HRA as he refused to talk with me if I recorded that conversation on video:

- i. Mr. Banks.
- ii. Marco Carrion, who was then and remains the commissioner of theMayor's Community Affairs Unit that Defendant Atcheson then worked for.
- iii. Rachel Lauter. According to her career profile on the LinkedIn web site that is available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/rachel-lauter/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/rachel-lauter/</a>, she then worked for the Mayor's office as a Deputy Chief of Staff and graduated from Harvard Law School.
- iv. Kayla Arslanian. She was then the Deputy Director of IntergovernmentalAffairs within the Mayor's office.
- v. Jaclyn Rothenberg. She appears to have been a spokeswoman for the Mayor between April of 2017 and May of 2017.
- vi. Jennifer Yeaw. According to her career profile on the LinkedIn web site that is available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifer-yeaw/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifer-yeaw/</a>, she then worked for the New York City Department of Social Services as its Chief of Staff.
- b. Jaclyn Rothenberg on 6/28/17 at 5:18 pm. That e-mail message appears on page 365 in the 374-page PDF file. Ms. Rothenberg then worked as a spokeswoman for the Mayor or in a very similar role. The next screenshot is of that e-mail message and confirms that it was sent to Defendant Ramos, Mr. Redmond after he illegally

prevented me from attending the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall, Emma Wolfe (the Mayor's Chief of Staff), Marco Carrion, and other senior members of the Mayor's administration. Ms. Rothenberg's remarks in that e-mail message refer to the oral arguments hearing that was conducted on 6/7/17 in my HRA lawsuit to make up for the 4/12/17 oral arguments hearing that Judge Bannon and Mr. Mosczyc's criminally stole from me. Ms. Rothenberg also referred to an order to show cause application that I served upon HRA on 6/6/17 at its office located at 150 Greenwich Street in Manhattan. That address is also known as 4 World Trade and "4WTC".

From: Rothenberg, Jaclyn

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 17:18

To: Ramos, Jessica

Cc: Phillips, Eric; Redmond, Howard DI.; Hagelgans, Andrea; Casca,

Michael; Arslanian, Kayla; Carrion, Marco A.; Wolfe, Emma

Subject: RE: town halls

Confirmed that he appeared at 4WTC on June 6 and served an Order to Show Cause. That OSC and another pending matter were submitted to the court for a decision on June 7. HRA is still waiting for the written decision.

31. After sending that e-mail message at 5:18 pm on 6/28/17 about me, Ms. Rothenberg sent another e-mail message on 6/29/17 at 9:43 am that appears on pages 361 and 362 in the 374-page PDF file, is heavily redacted, and was also about me and town halls as confirmed by the subject line in both of those e-mail messages. That 6/29/17 9:43 am e-mail message was sent to the following people:

Defendant Ramos, Mr. Carrion, Ricky Da Costa, Andrea Hagelgans, Eric Phillips, Mr. Redmond, Michael Casca, Kayla Arslanian, Emma Wolfe, Jeff Lynch, and Shauna Stribula

- 32. I recorded Ms. Stribula on 4/27/17 in the immediate area of where I was near the entrance to the school that hosted the Mayor's 4/27/17 town hall as I was being illegally prevented from entering that school to have to resort to watching how that town hall was conducted on a television screen in an overflow room instead of within the room in which it was conducted after I was issued an admission ticket to access that overflow room by a female member of the Mayor's staff on 4/27/17 at that site. I recorded Ms. Stribula then largely because I observed her behaving in a manner that suggested that she was part of a criminal conspiracy that then existed between Mr. Redmond and Andrew Berkowitz of the Mayor's NYPD security detail as well as Harold Miller and Pinny Ringel of the Mayor's CAU to illegally prevent me from attending that town hall in violation of a) 18 U.S.C. §245(b)(5), 18 U.S.C. §241, NYPL §240.20, NYPL §240.26, NYPL §175.25, 5 U.S.C. §1502(a)(1), b) my constitutional rights, and c) other applicable laws.
- 33. On 6/24/17, an eyewitness of mine sent an e-mail message at 4:26 pm to a whistleblower news censor in journalism named Graham Rayman who works for the New York Daily News about what that witness and I experienced on 6/8/17 as we tried to lawfully attend the Mayor's 6/8/17 town hall from within the room in which it was conducted as it was conducted. What follows shows a) the header section from that e-mail message without the sender's information and b) 2 excerpts from the body of that e-mail message. Since I previously agreed to respect that witness' privacy, I'm not disclosing the identity nor gender of that witness who then worked for the New York State Attorney General's office and I had just met by chance for the first time on 6/8/7. In that e-mail message, "the guard" refers to Defendant Gerola and the "Mayor's staff member" refers to Ms. Stribula.

**Subject:** Re: Information about police misconduct on 6/8 at Mayor's public town hall meeting in Rego Park

**Date:** June 24, 2017 at 4:26:20 PM EDT

**To:** Towaki Komatsu <towaki\_komatsu@yahoo.com> **Cc:** "Rayman, Graham" <grayman@nydailynews.com>

- a. "I would just like to add that I was allowed to write my question on a card, after which the guard told me they would allow me in to ask the question after they reviewed it and people emptied the room. As the room emptied, they did not let me in saying that the room was full even though we saw empty seats in the TV screens. When I asked a Mayor's staff member why they wouldn't let me in, she explained it was because I was associated with Towaki and he was a "harasser", but did not explain anything else to me."
- b. "I just met him that day. I also think maybe they did not let me in because they did not like my question which was about police accountability, but I'm not sure about that since I know someone else in the room was allowed to ask a question about broken windows policing. Also, please keep my name anonymous. Thanks."
- 34. Contrary to a fraudulent remark that Ms. Stribula expressed to that witness that appears I that e-mail message by claiming that I was a "harasser", I was certainly a whistleblower against the Mayor's administration, the NYPD, HRA, Mr. Banks, and HRA's business partners then after I had been criminally harassed by members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail, other members of the NYPD, members of the Mayor's staff, HRA, and HRA's business partners leading up to that date at public forums and in other ways that enabled me to be viciously assaulted on 7/2/16. T hat 7/2/16 assault involved me having been brutally punched on my head near my left temple more than 15 times by my former roommate (Ronald Sullivan) in the living room of where I reside. That caused me to sustain a concussion that in turn cost me my ability to perform well during a job interview that I had on 8/18/16 for a job that offered to pay \$450 daily. That assault was enabled by HRA having criminally and jointly subjected me to a bait-and-switch fraud and forgery with Urban that concerned the binding and fully-enforceable apartment lease agreement that I signed on 2/16/16 in HRA's offices located at 33 Beaver Street in Manhattan with Lisa Lombardi of Urban. I signed that agreement in front of witnesses to be

issued sole possession of apartment 4C in the building in which I reside with no roommate and in a fully-furnished condition shortly thereafter

- 35. Records that HRA has maintained about me and provided to me confirm that HRA illegally altered that lease agreement within 2 days after I signed it. Urban's personnel thereafter issued me a patently invalid and fraudulent lease on or about 3/7/16 that included a photocopy of the signature page that was from the actual lease that I signed on 2/16/16. While doing so on or about 3/7/16, Urban's personnel issued me shared possession of apartment 4B within the building in which I reside that included a time bomb named Ronald Sullivan as a roommate. HRA's records also confirm that I reported that illegal bait-and-switch fraud and forgery to HRA on 3/16/16 prior to realizing that HRA illegally altered my lease within 2 days after I signed it. I also met with HRA's ombudsman's staff on 3/10/16 in its offices located at 33 Beaver Street during which I reported that illegal bait-and-switch fraud and forgery. However, HRA illegally failed to remedy that that illegal bait-and-switch fraud and forgery that it criminally perpetrated against me.
- 36. Prior to assaulting me on 7/2/16 in the living room of our shared apartment, Mr. Sullivan tried to do precisely that on 5/12/16 in that living room while we were in the immediate presence of one of Urban's personnel named Thomas Fair. However, Mr. Fair physically restrained him as he suddenly rushed toward me to assault me. He tried that right after he had been making verbal threats to do so in Mr. Fair's presence. Although I promptly sent cell phone text messages on 5/12/16 to someone Molly McCracken to have her function as an intermediary between Urban and I to convey my demands to Urban for it to immediately evict Mr. Sullivan because he just proved that he was a clear threat to my safety where I resided, Ms. McCracken informed me that my demands were rejected. Ms. McCracken then worked for an organization named Services for

the Services, Inc. ("SUS") that is a business partner of HRA. On 5/19/16, I had telephone conversations with Ms. Lombardi and Ronald Abad of Urban to try to persuade them to immediately evict Mr. Sullivan. They refused. Urban's personnel were required by applicable law to immediately notify both HRA and OTDA in response to Mr. Sullivan's attempted assault against me on 5/12/16 and his actual assault against me on 7/2/16. His 7/2/16 assault against me was both foreseeable and preventable by them and Urban. Also, though 18 NYCRR §491.9(c) prohibited Mr. Sullivan from residing in the building in which I reside without OTDA's approval because of the threat that he posed to my comfort and safety in it, he was able to do so even after he viciously assaulted me on 7/2/16 until I was finally issued an order of protection against him on or about 10/6/6 by the Bronx District Attorney's office. In fact, the NYPD unconscionably released Mr. Sullivan on 7/11/16 after arresting him then for having assaulted me on 7/2/16 where I reside.

37. To wrap up this discussion of Mr. Sullivan, the Bronx District Attorney's office engaged in prosecutorial misconduct as it prosecuted Mr. Sullivan for assaulting me on 7/2/16. It did so by not presenting any witness other than me in that case in spite of the fact that Mr. Sullivan made incriminating remarks to another tenant on 7/2/16 in the building I which I reside as Mr. Sullivan fled from the building in which I reside. Mr. Sullivan told that witness that he had just assaulted me in our apartment and described how he did so. The Bronx District Attorney's office also engaged in misconduct by not pursuing an appeal as far as it could have of the arbitrary and capricious ruling that Bronx Criminal Court Judge Cori Weston issued in the criminal case against Mr. Sullivan for assaulting me on 7/2/16. That ruling suppressed information from an admissible security log that was maintained by Urban's personnel who worked inside of the building in which I reside. Information in that log included remarks by Urban's personnel on

7/2/16 about the fact that they observed Mr. Sullivan appearing angry as he fled from the building in which he had just assaulted me. The Mayor appointed Cori Weston as a judge. Due to what I just discussed, Mr. Sullivan was fraudulently found not guilty by Judge Weston in February of 2017. *Johnson v. NYC HEALTH & HOSPS*, 246 A.D.2d 88, 676 N.Y.S.2d 38, 676 N.Y.S. 38 (App. Div. 1998) established a precedent that confirmed that security logs are admissible evidence in criminal cases.

38. What follows shows e-mail messages that I sent to and received from Graham Rayman on 6/28/17 that concerned a news article that he claimed he was working on that would be about my having been illegally prevented from attending public town hall and public resource fair meetings that the Mayor conducted with others since 4/27/17. Nothing was ever reported about that by him nor anyone else who then worked for the New York Daily News in spite of the fact that an eyewitness confirmed to him that it had occurred on 6/8/17 and Jessica Ramos confirmed to Ms. Durkin on 6/28/17 that it had occurred as she lied to Ms. Durkin about why it occurred. Mr. Rayman was then working with Ms. Durkin about that possible news article. Also, nothing was ever reported about that in spite of the fact that a photojournalist for the New York Daily News named Jefferson Siegel took photographs of me in front of the NYPD's headquarters for the news article that Mr. Rayman expressed to me that he was working on.

From: "Rayman, Graham" <grayman@nydailynews.com>

**Subject:** Re: My RSVP for 5/23 Bronx Resource Fair!

Date: June 28, 2017 at 6:16:01 PM EDT

To: Towaki\_Komatsu <towaki\_komatsu@yahoo.com>

Ok thanks. Will continue working on it tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2017, at 6:09 PM, Towaki Komatsu < towaki komatsu@yahoo.com > wrote:

By the way, I've got a video of NYPD Officer Gerola telling me on 4/27 after 10 pm that it was the Mayor's staff that was responsible for having kept me out of that event. Unfortunately, my phone was pointed at the ground as I accidentally recorded that video. Also, I then talked with both Nic Gulotta and Harold Miller of his staff to try to get an explanation about why I had been discriminated against by Redmond on 4/27. I met Harold Miller on 4/11 in Staten Island's Borough Hall after Mr. Banks lied to me outside that building.

On Jun 28, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Rayman, Graham <grayman@nydailynews.com> wrote:

Was it the resource fair you were barred from, or the mayor's Bronx town hall? Those were two separate events.

39. Similarly, what follows shows an e-mail message that I received from Mr. Gartland on 7/16/17 at 3:31 pm as well as an e-mail message that I sent to him on that date at 3:26 pm. Mr. Gartland clearly expressed to me then that the New York Post was planning to issue a news report about my having been illegally barred from public forums since 4/27/17 that the Mayor and others had been conducting. However, neither he nor anyone else who then worked for the New York Post ever reported anything about that and wasted my time instead while proving to be useless.

From: Michael Gartland <mgartland@nypost.com>

Subject: Re: 4-27-17 audio clip of NYPD Officer Gerola (badge #: 6577) proving Jessica

Ramos lied to Jill Jorgensen

**Date:** July 16, 2017 at 3:31:27 PM EDT

To: Towaki Komatsu < towaki komatsu@yahoo.com>

We're planning a story for tomorrow. Pls keep your cell handy.

On Jul 16, 2017, at 3:26 PM, Towaki Komatsu < towaki komatsu@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,

As discussed, attached is a video recording I accidentally recorded on 4-27-17 while talking with NYPD Officer Gerola at about 10:20 pm right outside of the school in Long

Island City that hosted the Mayor's town hall on that date.

Although Mr. Gerola isn't seen in the video (except for his shoes and leg) because I didn't mean to be recording, he can be heard in it clearly expressing that the Mayor's staff controls who is allowed to attend his town halls. That remark directly contradicts Jessica Ramos' remark in Jill Jorgensen's article I shared with you.

Also, the video clip is part of a longer recording I made shortly after I was shoved 3 times in the chest by NYPD Officer Beato (badge #: 13326) of the 108th Precinct. Prior to shoving me, he illegally ordered me to move from where I legally stood on the sidewalk adjacent to that school in order to ask the Mayor from a sufficient distance away what he was willing to do about the fact that the head of his security detail (Howard Redmond) illegally subjected me to viewpoint discrimination by not letting me attend that town hall.

Since I was standing roughly 45 feet away from where the Mayor later left that building to ask him this question before Mr. Beato shoved me and Mr. Gerola let me stand within roughly 15 feet of him on April 11th in Staten Island, it was entirely clear I had a legal right to remain where I stood on the sidewalk to ask the Mayor my question.

People who witnessed Mr. Beato shoving me were Lieutenant Nieves, a 2nd ordinary NYPD officer, and Mr. Gerola.

Regards,

Towaki

Tel: 201-315-5484

- 40. What I have discussed above about whistleblowing and litigation I engaged in were among other things that I intended to engage in protected whistleblowing and political speech and expression about that were of public concern while attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall partly to try to prevent others from suffering similar hardships largely by trying to have those responsible for them to be immediately fired and criminally prosecuted.
- 41. The following are a pair of excerpts from *Elrod v Burns*, 427 US 347 (1976) about First Amendment rights that include the right to lawfully assemble in a public forum that include town hall meetings, public resource fair meetings, and public hearings:

- a. "The loss of First Amendment freedoms, for even minimal periods of time, unquestionably constitutes irreparable injury."
- b. "The timeliness of political speech is particularly important. See <u>Carroll v. Princess Anne</u>, 393 U. S. 175, 182 (1968); Wood v. Georgia, 370 U. S. 375, 391-392 (1962)."
- 42. The following is a relevant excerpt from *Walsh v. Enge*, 154 F. Supp. 3d 1113 (D. Or. 2015) that makes it clear that the judge who issued it refused to accept the practice of prospectively barring someone from public forums without due process being accorded:
  - "This case requires the Court to decide whether the First Amendment allows a Mayor or his or her designee, acting pursuant to a city ordinance, to exclude a person, potentially indefinitely, from attending future City Council meetings to which the public is otherwise invited to attend and present their opinions simply because the person has been disruptive at previous meetings. The First Amendment protects, among other things, "freedom of speech" and "petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances." U.S. Const. amend. I. The First Amendment is incorporated into the Fourteenth Amendment and thus applies to the states and local governmental bodies. Gitlow v. New York, 268 U.S. 652, 666, 45 S.Ct. 625, 69 L.Ed. 1138 (1925). No appellate opinion of which this Court is aware has ever held that the First Amendment permits prospective exclusion orders from otherwise public city council meetings. A presiding officer may remove a disruptive individual from any particular meeting, and a sufficiently disruptive person may even be prosecuted for such conduct if public law permits. But no matter how many meetings of a city council a person disrupts, he or she does not forfeit or lose the future ability to exercise constitutional rights and may not be prospectively barred from attending future meetings. Our democratic republic is not so fragile, and our First Amendment is not so weak."
- As In a similar vein, *Karem v. Trump*, No. 19 Civ. 2514 (D.D.C. Sep. 3, 2019), *Cable News Network, Inc. v. Trump*, No. 18 Civ. 2610 (D.D.C. Nov. 16, 2018), *Nicholas v. Bratton*, No. 15-CV-9592 (JPO) (S.D.N.Y. May 23, 2019) concerned fraudulent pretexts that were employed by the White House and NYPD to violate the First Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment rights of journalists named Brian Karem, Jim Acosta, and Jason Nicholas in regards to their ability to use press credentials partly to gain access to meetings conducted by despicable government officials who **a**) disavow civil rights, **b**) benefit from voter fraud and voter suppression and **c**) are devoid of values and integrity. Ultimately, Donald Trump, the White

House, and the NYPD lost and otherwise relented in response to those lawsuits by returning press credentials to Mr. Karem, Mr. Acosta, and Mr. Nicholas. Press credentials are functionally equivalent to admission tickets that are issued to members of the public that grant them access to town hall meetings that the Mayor conducts within the rooms in which they're conducted. In particular, findings in Nicholas v. Bratton, No. 15-CV-9592 (JPO) (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 27, 2017) is quite pertinent because it discusses both a fraudulent pretext that the NYPD used against Mr. Nicholas and his contention that that practice amounted to "pre-emptive censorship" against him. Defendant Ramos communicated fraudulent pretexts to Ms. Durkin about why I was illegally barred from public forums that the Mayor conducted with others since 4/27/17 as she pointed out to Ms. Durkin in an e-mail message that she sent to her on 6/28/17 at 3:27 pm that appears on pages 369 and 370 in the 374-page PDF file that I would continue to be illegally barred from attending public town hall meetings that the Mayor conducted with others with respect to my ability to attend them from within the rooms in which they would be conducted as they were conducted. A relevant excerpt from that e-mail message in which Ms. Ramos stupidly and blatantly lied by claiming that I never registered ("RSVP'd) to attend a town hall that the Mayor conducted appears next. That practice indisputably was illegal "pre-emptive censorship" and a prior restraint against my constitutional rights.

From: Ramos, Jessica

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:27 PM

To: Erin Durkin Cc: Phillips, Eric

Subject: RE: town halls

Hi Erin,

Mr. Komatsu has never RSVP'd to a town hall. He is allowed to enter the overflow room.

44. The following is a pertinent excerpt from *In re Kaiser*, 722 F.2d 1574 (2d Cir. 1983) about mendacity that is particularly applicable to my claims in this pleading and lies that Ms. Ramos expressed to Ms. Durkin about me in e-mail messages that appear in the 374-page PDF file:

"the cumulative effect of all the falsehoods together evidences a pattern of reckless and cavalier disregard for the truth serious enough to supply the necessary fraudulent intent required"

45. The following excerpt from *St. Mary's Honor Center v. Hicks*, 509 U.S. 502, 113 S. Ct. 2742, 125 L. Ed. 2d 407 (1993) further discusses mendacity in the context of discriminatory intent:

"The factfinder's disbelief of the reasons put forward by the defendant (particularly if disbelief is accompanied by a suspicion of mendacity) may, together with the elements of the prima facie case, suffice to show intentional discrimination. Thus, rejection of the defendant's proffered reasons will *permit* the trier of fact to infer the ultimate fact of intentional discrimination, [4] and the Court of Appeals was correct when it noted that, upon such rejection, "[n]o additional proof of discrimination is *required*, " 970 F. 2d, at 493 (emphasis added). But the Court of Appeals' holding that rejection of the defendant's proffered reasons *compels* judgment for the plaintiff disregards the fundamental principle of Rule 301 that a presumption does not shift the burden of proof, and ignores our repeated admonition that the Title VII plaintiff at all times bears the "ultimate burden of

persuasion.""

- 46. The following is a pertinent excerpt from <u>Regional Economic Community v. City of</u>

  <u>Middletown</u>, 294 F.3d 35 (2d Cir. 2002) that concerns discriminatory intent and how it may be inferred:
  - "Discriminatory intent may be inferred from the totality of the circumstances, including ... the historical background of the decision ...; the specific sequence of events leading up to the challenged decision ...; [and] contemporary statements by members of the decision-making body...." <u>LeBlanc</u>, 67 F.3d at 425 (citations and internal quotation marks omitted)."
- 47. <u>Nicholas v. Bratton</u>, No. 15-CV-9592 (JPO) (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 26, 2019) includes the following finding that concerns the right to engage in discovery by obtaining non-redacted copies of e-mail messages in order to uncover discriminatory intent and fraudulent pretexts:
  - "The Court previously ordered that portions of the email chain at Docket Number 188-24, referred to by the Parties as "Exhibit 27," be redacted and filed under seal. (*See* Dkt. Nos. 189, 192.) "Because of the importance of th[is] sealed material to [the] disposition of this matter, [the Court] order[s] that [this email chain now] be unsealed." *Cox v. Onondaga Cty. Sheriff's Dep't*, 760 F.3d 139, 150 (2d Cir. 2014).
- 48. In *Trump v. Vance*, 591 S. Ct. (U.S. 2020), the U.S. Supreme Court stated the following about discovery:

"In our judicial system, "the public has a right to everyman's evidence.""

49. <u>Va. Pharmacy Bd. v. Va. Consumer Council</u>, 425 U.S. 748, 96 S. Ct. 1817, 48 L. Ed. 2d 346 (1976) includes the following relevant findings about the mutual right to communicate and receive information from speakers that applies to the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall in relation to my efforts to have attended it within the room in which it was conducted and communicated quietly in a non-disruptive manner with those who would have otherwise been seated near me and been willing to do so with me before that town hall began, as it was conducted, and shortly after it ended as well as my right to have talked with government officials in that room shortly after that

## town hall ended:

- a. "we acknowledged that this Court has referred to a First Amendment right to "receive information and ideas," and that freedom of speech " `necessarily protects the right to receive."
- b. "Freedom of speech presupposes a willing speaker. But where a speaker exists, as is the case here, [14] the protection afforded is to the communication, to its source and to its recipients both. This is clear from the decided cases."
- 50. <u>Schneider v. State (Town of Irvington)</u>, 308 U.S. 147, 60 S. Ct. 146, 84 L. Ed. 155 (1939) confirms that people have a First Amendment to peaceably assemble and distribute literature in a public forum when and where they choose to do so in the absence of a government restriction that is objectively valid in stark contrast to a self-serving and fraudulent pretext manufactured by the NYPD and Mayor's office to prevent and otherwise minimize criticism for the sake of optics.
- 51. The following is an excerpt from *Karem v. Trump*, No. 19-CV-5255 (D.C. Cir. June 5, 2020) that addressed what is required of due process in the context of a denial of access to government officials through the revocation of a press credential:

"A fundamental principle in our legal system," the Supreme Court observed in FCC v. Fox Television Stations, Inc., 567 U.S. 239 (2012), "is that laws which regulate persons or entities must give fair notice of conduct that is forbidden or required." Id. at 253. Such "[e]lementary notions of fairness," the Court explained in BMW of North America, Inc. v. Gore, 517 U.S. 559 (1996), "dictate that a person receive fair notice not only of the conduct that will subject him to punishment, but also of the severity of the penalty that [the government] may impose." Id. at 574. "This requirement of clarity[,] . . . essential to the protections provided by the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment," Fox Television, 567 U.S. at 253, "is implicated" whenever the government imposes "civil penalties," Gore, 517 U.S. at 574 n.22 (emphasis omitted). Where such penalties "threaten[] to inhibit the exercise of constitutionally protected rights[,] . . . a more stringent vagueness [and fair-notice] test should apply." Village of Hoffman Estates v. Flipside, Hoffman Estates, Inc., 455 U.S. 489, 498–99 (1982).

That "essential . . . protection[]" of fair notice applies here. *Fox Television*, 567 U.S. at 253. As we explained in *Sherrill*, "the interest of a bona fide Washington correspondent in obtaining a White House press pass . . . undoubtedly qualifies as [a] liberty [interest] which may not be denied without due process of law under the fifth amendment." 569 F.2d at 130–131. And because "any deprivation" of a protected

liberty interest must "be effected pursuant to constitutionally adequate procedures," *Brandon v. District of Columbia Board of Parole*, 823 F.2d 644, 648 (D.C. Cir. 1987), a duly issued hard pass may not be suspended without due process. Accordingly, "[e]lementary notions of fairness" required that Karem "receive fair notice not only of the conduct that [would] subject him to punishment, but also of the . . . magnitude of the sanction that [the White House] might impose." *Gore*, 517 U.S. at 574. Furthermore, because the suspension of a hard pass, like the denial of a hard pass, "implicate[s]" "important first amendment rights," *Sherrill*, 569 F.2d at 130, we evaluate Karem's suspension under a particularly "stringent vagueness [and fairnotice] test," *Village of Hoffman Estates*, 455 U.S. at 498–99.

Applying that test, we think Karem's due process claim is likely to succeed because, on this record, nothing put him on notice of "the magnitude of the sanction"—a month-long loss of his White House access, an eon in today's news business—that the White House "might impose" for his purportedly unprofessional conduct at the non-press-conference event. *Gore*, 517 U.S. at 574.

52. The following pertinent excerpt from the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <u>Buckley v.</u>

<u>American Constitutional Law Foundation, Inc.</u>, 525 U.S. 182, 119 S. Ct. 636, 142 L. Ed. 2d 599

(1999) that concerns whistleblowing, government accountability, and transparency:

"[a] public armed with information . . . is better able to detect" wrongdoing. See *id.*, at 67; see also *Grosjean* v. *American Press Co.*, 297 U. S. 233, 250 (1936) (observing that an "informed public opinion is the most potent of all restraints upon misgovernment"). "'Publicity is justly commended as a remedy for social and industrial diseases. Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants; electric light the most efficient policeman.' "*Buckley v. Valeo, supra*, at 67, and n. 80 (quoting L. Brandeis, Other People's Money 62 (1933))."

- 53. The following are relevant excerpts from *Housing Works, Inc. v. Turner*, 00 Civ. 1122 (LAK)(JCF) (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 15, 2004) that address proving retaliation and violations of equal protection:
  - a. "A plaintiff's circumstantial evidence of retaliation could include the timing of the defendant's actions, such as when the alleged retaliation closely follows the plaintiff's speech. Morris, 196 F.3d at 110; McCullough v. Wyandanch Union Free School

    District, 187 F.3d 272, 280 (2d Cir. 1999). The plaintiff can also proffer evidence of unequal treatment, or an ongoing campaign of retaliation. Hampton Bays

    Connections, Inc. v. Duffy, 127 F. Supp. 2d 364, 374 (E.D.N.Y. 2001); Economic

    Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. v. County of Nassau, 106 F. Supp.

    2d 433, 437 (E.D.N.Y. 2000) (citing Gagliardi v. Village of Pawling, 18 F.3d 188, 195 (2d Cir. 1994))."

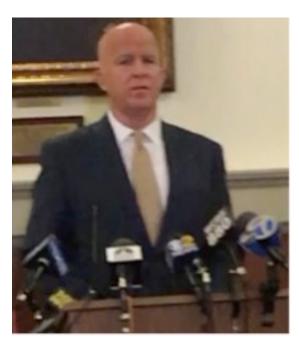
- b. "To prove an Olech-type equal protection claim, the plaintiff must show that there was "no rational basis" for the differential treatment it suffered. Wantanabe, 315 F. Supp. 2d at 396. The Second Circuit has not decided whether an Olech claim also requires a showing a illicit motive or intent on the part of the defendant."
- 54. Housing Works, Inc. v. Turner was a case that was partly about First Amendment retaliation that senior HRA personnel allegedly committed in response to an Article 78 proceeding that was commenced against HRA and complaints that were reported against HRA. My claims in this action are similarly about First Amendment retaliation that I experienced at the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall that was partly conducted by Mr. Banks while I had ongoing litigation against HRA that was a hybrid proceeding that was comprised of article 78 claims and plenary claims.
- 55. <u>Hansen v. Harris</u>, 619 F.2d 942 (2d Cir. 1980) includes the following relevant findings about estoppel:
  - "The Government may sometimes be estopped from enforcing its rules, based on the conduct of its agents."
- 56. <u>Barboza v. D'Agata, 151 F. Supp. 3d 363 (S.D.N.Y. 2015)</u> includes the following relevant findings that confirms that people are permitted to use crude and offensive speech in the context of complaining about government activity:
  - "The Court of Appeals found this was in the scope of protected speech because defendant's messages were crude and offensive but made in the context of complaining about government action on a telephone answering machine set up for the purpose, among others, of receiving complaints from the public. Mangano 571. That decision is on all fours with this case. It dealt with offensive language used to express to government employees dissatisfaction with government action"
- 57. <u>Hammock v. Pierce, No. 15-CV-09052 (NSR) (S.D.N.Y. May 7, 2018)</u> contains the following findings that addresses proving a retaliatory motive:
  - "retaliatory motive may be inferred from a number of circumstantial factors, including, *inter alia*, "(i) the temporal proximity between the protected activity and the

- alleged retaliatory act; (ii) the inmate's prior good disciplinary record; (iii) vindication at a hearing on the matter, and (iv) statements by the defendant concerning his motivation." *Burton v. Lynch*, 664 F. Supp. 2d 349, 367 (S.D.N.Y. 2009"
- 58. According to *Jovanovic v. City of New York*, 04 Civ. 8437 (PAC) (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 17, 2006), "malice may be inferred from the lack of probable cause."
- 59. The following is a pertinent excerpt from *Frain v. Baron*, 307 F. Supp. 27 (E.D.N.Y. 1969):
  - "Fear of disorder, which the City cites to justify its policy, has been ruled out as a ground for limiting peaceful exercise of First Amendment rights. Edwards v. South Carolina, 372 U.S. 229, 83 S.Ct. 680, 9 L.Ed.2d 697 (1963)."
- 60. The following is a relevant excerpt from <u>Capitol Records</u>, <u>Inc. v. Thomas-Rasset</u>, 692

  F.3d 899 (8th Cir. 2012) that concerns having a court issue an order that restrains acts that may otherwise be lawful due to a propensity and proclivity to commit unlawful conduct:
  - "a district court has authority to issue a broad injunction in cases where "a proclivity for unlawful conduct has been shown." See <u>McComb v. Jacksonville Paper Co.</u>, 336 U.S. 187, 192, 69 S.Ct. 497, 93 L.Ed. 599 (1949). The district court is even permitted to "enjoin certain otherwise lawful conduct" where "the defendant's conduct has demonstrated that prohibiting only unlawful conduct would not effectively protect the plaintiff's rights against future encroachment." <u>Russian Media Grp., LLC v. Cable America, Inc.</u>, 598 F.3d 302, 307 (7th Cir.2010) (citing authorities). If a party has violated the governing statute, then a court may in appropriate circumstances enjoin conduct that allowed the prohibited actions to occur, even if that conduct "standing alone, would have been unassailable." <u>EEOC v. Wilson Metal Casket Co.</u>, 24 F.3d 836, 842 (6th Cir.1994) (internal quotation omitted)."
- 61. On 6/26/17, I talked with Defendant O'Neill at the New York City Bar Association in the presence of various whistleblower news censors in journalism during a meeting in which he was the primary speaker. Information about that meeting is available from the New York City Bar Association's web site at <a href="http://www.nycbar.org/media-listing/media/detail/a-conversation-with-new-york-city-police-commissioner-james-p-oneill">http://www.nycbar.org/media-listing/media/detail/a-conversation-with-new-york-city-police-commissioner-james-p-oneill</a>. The audio recording of that meeting that the

New York City Bar Association arranged to be recorded is available on the Internet at <a href="http://dts.podtrac.com/redirect.mp3/www2.nycbar.org/mp3/Podcasts/media/police\_commissione">http://dts.podtrac.com/redirect.mp3/www2.nycbar.org/mp3/Podcasts/media/police\_commissione</a> <a href="mailto:reduced-redirect.mp3/www2.nycbar.org/mp3/Podcasts/media/police\_commissione">http://dts.podtrac.com/redirect.mp3/www2.nycbar.org/mp3/Podcasts/media/police\_commissione</a> <a href="mailto:reduced-redirect.mp3">reduced-reduce

62. The next screenshot is from a video recording that I recorded on 6/26/17 at 8:35 am at the New York City Bar Association that shows Defendant O'Neill in it as he stood at a podium with microphones that had the names of various New York City news outlets on them.



63. The fact that no one reported anything in the news about what I discussed with Mr.

O'Neill on 6/26/17 confirms that journalism and freedom of the press in New York City just doesn't exist and claims to the contrary are utter lies. That video that I recorded during that meeting confirms that the following so-called news outlets had some of their personnel present at that 6/26/17 meeting:

PIX11News, 1010 WINS, NBC, CBS New York, WCBS 880, and ABC News

64. The video recording that I recorded of Mr. O'Neill during that meeting that I just discussed is available on the Internet at the following address:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sofOzQmsQy\_1\_lkIglBTn9iZiGNwGNpL/view?usp=sharing

- 65. During that meeting on 6/26/17, I had two face-to-face conversations with Mr. O'Neill. My first conversation with him during that it extends from the elapsed time of **a**) 32 minutes and 38 seconds from the beginning of the audio recording that the New York City Bar Association recorded of that meeting to **b**) 33 minutes and 36 seconds in that recording. My second conversation with him during that meeting extends from the elapsed time of **a**) 47 minutes and 4 seconds from the beginning of that recording to **b**) 49 minutes and 14 seconds.
- 66. The following is entirely true and accurate about what Mr. O'Neill and I discussed during that meeting:
  - a. I told him that I was a military veteran and reminded him that he used the comment of "a free and open society" in a speech that he gave during that meeting. I then pointedly asked him why members of the NYPD who were inside of the Bronx Supreme Court on 5/23/17 illegally directed court officers assigned to that courthouse to prevent me from attending the public resource fair meeting that the Mayor conducted in that courthouse on that date inside of the Veteran's Memorial Hall chamber within it and while members of the NYPD have no jurisdiction in courthouses because jurisdiction for law-enforcement in New York State courthouses belongs to New York State court officers instead of the NYPD. When he responded to that by claiming that he wasn't aware of that situation, I told him that I had a video recording that confirmed what I had just apprised him about had occurred and that I was willing to share that video recording with him if he so desired.
  - b. I asked him when members of the NYPD would stop violating civil rights by shoving military veterans as such veterans stood legally on empty public sidewalks while Mr.

Redmond illegally discriminated against them by preventing them from attending public town hall meetings that the Mayor held. While asking him that question, I was referring to myself as such a military veteran who was illegally shoved and discriminated against as I referred to the public town hall meeting that the Mayor held on 4/27/17 in Long Island City in Queens. In response, Mr. O'Neill was blatantly evasive and deceitful by claiming that different issues applied to that question. When he asked what I was talking about in particular in regards to my question, I told him that I was talking about public meetings, New York State's Open Meetings Law, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that was issued in *Wood v. Moss*, 134 S. Ct. 2056, 572

U.S., 188 L. Ed. 2d 1039 (2014) that concerns viewpoint discrimination, and what was then Mr. Redmond's ongoing status as the primary defendant in *Sherrard v. City of New York*, No. 15-cv-7318 (MB)(S.D.N.Y. Jun. 13, 2018).

c. I also asked Mr. O'Neill about why Mr. Redmond was still being allowed to be a member of the NYPD since he was violating my civil rights after he had violated Mr. Sherrard's civil rights. *Sherrard v. City of New York* concerns an incident that occurred on 9/17/12 in which Mr. Redmond flagrantly violated Mr. Sherrard's constitutional rights on video before Mr. Redmond blatantly lied about that during a deposition on 5/19/17 and as he testified in that case in June of 2018. When Mr. O'Neill told me during that meeting that he would need to talk with Mr. Redmond about what I discussed with him (Mr. O'Neill) during it and that he wasn't aware of *Sherrard v. City of New York*, as he left that meeting, I offered to give him a printout that I had with me and that contained information shown on its docket sheet that listed the case number for *Sherrard v. City of New York* and other information about

that case. I believe that I handed that information instead to NYPD Detective James Byrne as he escorted Mr. O'Neill out of that meeting and gave me his business card then that appears as follows:



New York CITY Police Department D.C.P.I.

James T. Byrne
Detective

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Public Information One Police Plaza, Room 1320 New York, N.Y. 10038 Office: 646.610.6700 Cell: 646.574.1217 jamest.byrne@nypd.org @NYPDByrne

67. A critically significant point about my conversation with Mr. O'Neill on 6/26/17 is that I clearly put him on notice then that members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail were violating my civil rights at public forums that the Mayor had been conducting and that Mr. O'Neill told me in response that he would need to talk with Mr. Redmond about what I then discussed with him about Mr. Redmond. As the NYPD's Commissioner, he certainly had the authority to issue a standing order to Mr. Redmond to make certain that he and the rest of the Mayor's NYPD security detail immediately stop violating the civil rights of New Yorkers at public forums. Hindsight clearly confirms that Mr. O'Neill either didn't issue such an order or that such an order was violated at my expense repeatedly and flagrantly thereafter by Mr. Redmond and other members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail and others. On 4/27/17, Mr. Redmond told me at the site of the Mayor's town hall then that he reported to Mr. O'Neill. The preceding discussion is sufficient to establish that this Court's determinations about claims that I am asserting against

Mr. O'Neill in this pleading for supervisory liability must be in my favor because additional illegal acts and omissions were committed against me in violation of my civil rights by Mr. Redmond and other members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail after 6/26/17 at public forums that Mr. O'Neill certainly had a realistic opportunity to prevent from occurring.

- 68. The following relevant facts apply to what I discussed with Mr. O'Neill during that meeting:
  - a. I later discovered from a written transcript and video recording that the New York
    City Law Department provided to me that concerned <u>Sherrard v. City of New York</u>,
    No. 15-cv-7318 (MB)(S.D.N.Y. Jun. 13, 2018) that Mr. Redmond committed perjury
    on 5/19/17 during a sworn deposition that he gave as he lied about a critically
    significant fact. The next screenshot shows the questions that were asked and the
    responses to them that were given that appear between lines 11 and 17 that appear on
    page 20 within the written transcript that was prepared from the deposition that Mr.
    Redmond gave on 5/19/17 in connection with <u>Sherrard v. City of New York</u>, No. 15cv-7318 (MB)(S.D.N.Y. Jun. 13, 2018). That transcript was provided to me by the
    New York City Law Department in response to a FOIL demand that I submitted to it
    and is available on the Internet at

https://drive.google.com/open?id=12ATFhN0RVkrvlTjpINTPet57K1D4poiz. The answers shown on lines 13, 14, and 17 in that screenshot were answers that Mr. Redmond gave to the questions that are shown in it.

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     that location?
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     bicyclists that were blocking you?
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                 Yes.
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b. The New York City Law Department also provided me a critically significant video recording that is available on the Internet at

https://drive.google.com/open?id=13dteIym5B27WAHrR2b vrb68X8IDT Ye in response to a FOIL demand that I submitted to it that was recorded on 9/17/12 in Manhattan on Lafayette Street by Leonard Street as Mr. Redmond recklessly drove a black car with just one hand on its steering wheel in the middle of the roadway in the direction of New York City Hall by the New York City Civil Court and New York City Family Court. That video recording was presumably recorded by a member of the NYPD who with Mr. Redmond and other members of the NYPD were stalking Kalan Sherrard and other bicyclists. Kalan Sherrard was the plaintiff in *Sherrard v*. City of New York, No. 15-cv-7318 (MB)(S.D.N.Y. Jun. 13, 2018). The next screenshot corresponds to what appears in the video that I just discussed at the elapsed time of 10 seconds and confirms that a) Mr. Redmond was reckless driving a black car with left hand off of its steering wheel in **the middle** of a roadway and **b**) Mr. Sherrard was lawfully riding a bicycle on the far-left side of that roadway ahead of 4 other bicyclists shown on the left as he appears in the top-left corner in that screenshot. At that point, the distance between Mr. Redmond's car and the back of

Mr. Sherrard's bicycle clearly exceeded the lengths of 2 cars that appear on the right side of that road as Mr. Sherrard rode his bike directly next to the right of an area in which construction or renovation work was being done and may have endangered his safety as a bicyclists because of debris that may have possibly been in a bicycle lane that he was not required by law to use then. The fact that the sidewalk next to that bicycle lane was closed then because of construction or renovation work suggests that Mr. Sherrard was being courteous to pedestrians by letting them use that bicycle lane to offset the closure of that sidewalk.



- c. The next screenshot is from that same video and corresponds to the elapsed time of 18 seconds. The following is shown in it:
  - i. Mr. Redmond is shown in the lower-right area as he exited his car with a radio in his left hand.
  - ii. Mr. Sherrard is shown sitting on his bicycle while illegally stopped by 2

members of the NYPD on scooters or motorcycles in violation of his constitutional rights. The tires on those scooters or motorcycles were clearly wider than the tires on Mr. Sherrard's bicycle. This is relevant because thin tires on bicycles don't withstand coming in contact with debris on roadways as well as wider and thicker tires. One of the members of the NYPD who illegally stopped Mr. Sherrard drove through the bicycle lane on wide and thick tires to reach him. Also, this screenshot more clearly confirms by the existence of orange netting and barriers next to that bicycle lane that construction or renovation work was then taking place near it.



69. On 6/21/17, Defendant Nieves was recorded on video as he stood in front of the building that hosted the town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted in Chinatown in Manhattan and illegally harassed an Asian woman as she was trying to lawfully attend that town hall with literature that she had. That video recording clearly shows Defendant Nieves illegally

confiscating literature from her in violation of her First Amendment and Fifth Amendment rights. That video is available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRur-QvbC0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRur-QvbC0</a>. What follows are a few screenshots from it. The next screenshot shows Mr. Nieves giving that woman a hand signal to have her step toward him at the elapsed time of 32 seconds.



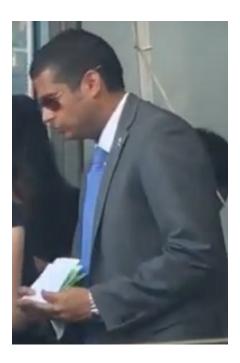
70. The next screenshot shows that Asian woman standing near Mr. Nieves at the elapsed time of 35 seconds as what clearly appears to be a press credential hung from her neck.



71. The next screenshot shows that Asian woman standing near Mr. Nieves at the elapsed time of 1 minute and 6 seconds as she held papers that she had been carrying prior to meeting Mr. Nieves as he also then had his hands on those papers after she met him. She is shown standing next to Jane Meyer of the Mayor's office who was then looking at those papers.



72. The next screenshot shows Mr. Nieves at the elapsed time of 1 minute and 9 seconds as he carried that Asian woman's papers after she left his wretched company



- 73. On 6/23/17, a news organization named DNAInfo published a news article on the Internet at <a href="https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170623/lower-east-side/mayor-de-blasio-town-hallmargaret-chin-aaron-foldenauer">https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170623/lower-east-side/mayor-de-blasio-town-hallmargaret-chin-aaron-foldenauer</a> that is entitled "Security Swiped Political Pamphlets at Mayor's Town Hall, Attendees Say" and was written by a journalist named Allegra Hobbs. That article addressed the fact that multiple people who tried to attend the town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted on 6/21/17 in Chinatown in Manhattan had literature illegally confiscated by members of the NYPD as they underwent a security screening process to enter the building that hosted that town hall.
- 74. On 7/18/17, I was recorded on video during the public resource fair meeting that the Mayor conducted in Kew Gardens in Queens with other government officials as I talked with the Mayor face-to-face. That conversation occurred as I stood near Mr. Banks, Jessica Ramos, and in front of a whistleblower news censor in journalism named Gloria Pazmino as well as Mr. Gartland. Although the Mayor's office arranged to have a video recording to be recorded of that public resource fair and that video recording certainly is a public record, the Mayor's office has

illegally concealed that video recording. It was only because I submitted a FOIL demand to the Mayor's office that it provided me a link to that video recording on the Internet prior to illegally removing that video recording from the Internet or otherwise disabling access to it. Prior to doing so, I downloaded a short clip from that video. The following is a link to that video clip on the Internet:

## https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-ZUN22r8q4qARLEbMk8FVg4KuLqfTtcc

75. Everything that I talked with the Mayor and Mr. Banks during that meeting were matters about which I intended to engage in protected whistleblowing against them and others about during the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. The next screenshot is from the elapsed time of 1 minute and 31 seconds in that video and pertains to a discussion that I had with the Mayor that was about having him cancel the City of New York's business that taxpayers pay for that is with a company named NTT Data, Inc that still subjects me to illegal wage-theft, fraud, and retaliatory employment blacklisting that dates back to 2012. Instead of cancelling that business, the Mayor's administration has unconscionably opted to extend it that keeps too much money in the wrong hands as people are now mightily struggling to make ends meet in New York City due to the Coronavirus pandemic and shouldn't have to support businesses that commit wage-theft. HRA has contracts with NTT.



76. The next screenshot from that video corresponds to the elapsed time of 1 minute and 4 seconds in it as I asked the Mayor a question in a poorly phrased way as I meant to ask him if her could direct Mr. Banks to resolve my litigation against HRA in some way that was fair. The Mayor instead stonewalled me as he told me that his administration has a lot of litigation and "that is how we do things". That answer confirmed to me that he and his administration needed to be fired immediately.



77. The next screenshot from that video corresponds to the elapsed time of 1 minute and 57 seconds in it as I apprised the Mayor that Mr. Redmond illegally prevented me from attending his 4/27/17 town hall meeting and that he was also then defending a federal civil rights lawsuit. In response, he claimed that he didn't' know anything about that and that he wouldn't talk with me further about lawsuits. That response further confirmed to me that he and his administration needed to be fired immediately. I was then referring to *Sherrard v. City of New York*.



78. The next screenshot from that video corresponds to the elapsed time of 2 minute and 10 seconds and clearly shows both the Mayor and an unknown Black male member of his NYPD security detail harassing me and subjecting me to what is known as "simple assault" under applicable law. It shows this as a result of it showing that the Mayor tried to illegally reach over toward me and touch me near my right shoulder as the Black male member of his NYPD security detail put his right hand on my backpack before illegally pushing me away. That push was assault. Neither of them gave me a reasonable opportunity to first leave their wretched company without being illegally coerced by them to do so. The Mayor's illegal acts against me then confirmed that he supports and condones illegal acts by the NYPD. During that meeting, I also

handed him a report again that I previously handed to him on 7/16/17 in Clement Clarke Moore Park in the Chelsea district in Manhattan in front of Mr. Gartland and other whistleblower news censors in journalism. That report contained screenshots from video recordings that summarized illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me partly by members of his NYPD security detail since 4/27/17 at public forums that he conducted. The Mayor lied to my face on 7/16/17 in that park by fraudulently telling me that he supports civil rights and military veterans in response to questions that I then asked him about that to put him on the spot in front of whistleblower news censors in journalism.



79. The following is a link to the video recording on the Internet that the Mayor's office arranged to be recorded of the Mayor's 7/25/17 publicity stunt publicity stunt that the Mayor illegally conducted next to a staircase on 7/25/17 inside of the MTA subway station located in Manhattan below Broadway near City Hall by Warren Street:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq2Q4tPrN2A

- 80. On 7/25/17, Mr. Redmond flagrantly and illegally violated my rights pursuant to the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment in retaliation for my having lawfully engaged in protected whistleblowing activity in the immediate vicinity of a large group of whistleblower news censors in journalists, the Mayor, members of the Mayor's staff, and members of the public inside of the subway station that I have discussed above.
- 81. The next screenshot was created from what is shown at the elapsed time of 10 minutes and 18 seconds in the video that I just discussed.



82. The preceding screenshot shows Mr. Redmond flagrantly assaulting me behind a metal partition near the Mayor and Eric Phillips while Mr. Phillips worked a mouthpiece for the Mayor. Mr. Redmond assaulted me then by illegally grabbing my left arm and dragging me by it along the subway platform where I had been standing as I was lawfully conducting myself while engaging in whistleblowing near and against the Mayor, his administration, and its business

partners. I did so then within earshot of many whistleblower news censors in journalism that quite fittingly were assembled together like rats and snakes. Mr. Redmond's assault against me then occurred behind the vertical metal partition shown in that screenshot. By deliberately making physical contact with me and dragging me in that subway station on 7/25/17, Mr. Redmond violated 18 U.S.C. 245(b)(5), NYPL §240.26, NYPL §240.20, and NYPL §195.00 in the process of causing irreparable harm to my rights pursuant to the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment, and the MTA's Rules of Conduct to continue to lawfully engage in protected whistleblowing near the Mayor from where I had been standing on that subway platform. The MTA's Rules clearly prohibited the Mayor from conducting his publicity stunt in that subway station because it was conducted next to a staircase, involved the use of a microphone, and impeded the movements of those in that subway station. Those same MTA Rules authorize public speaking in subway stations however and that is exactly what I was doing when Mr. Redmond illegally seized my left arm and criminally assaulted me by doing so. By doing so then and so publicly, he caused me enormous embarrassment and justifiable rage. Upon leaving that subway station, I received an unexpected telephone call from a civil rights attorney named Norman Siegel. He immediately told me during that call that I had a legal right to scream and shout in that subway station. In response, I told him that I hadn't done so and had instead merely projected my voice with my lungs in that subway station. I did so then to compete against the Mayor's use of a microphone during his illegal publicity stunt and noise from subway trains.

83. The excerpts that appear next are from <u>People v. Alba, 81 A.D.2d 345, 440 N.Y.S.2d 230</u> (App. Div. 1981) and <u>Dotson v. Farrugia</u>, No. Civ. 1126 (PAE) (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 26, 2012). Both of them confirm that an unofficial arrest occurs in violation of the Fourth Amendment when

individuals have their ability to freely move about curtailed by a show of authority without a legal justification. This is applicable to the efforts that I undertook on 9/14/17 to lawfully attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.

## a. Excerpt from People v. Alba:

"The majority finds that, although defendant was told that he was "under arrest", no arrest, in fact, took place. We disagree. "Whenever an individual is physically or constructively detained by virtue of a significant interruption of his liberty of movement as a result of police action, that individual has been seized within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment". (*People v Cantor*, 36 NY2d, at p 111; see *Terry v Ohio*, 392 US, at p 16.)"

## b. Excerpt from Dotson v. Farrugia:

""A person is seized by the police and thus entitled to challenge the government's action under the Fourth Amendment when the officer, by means of physical force or show of authority terminates or restrains his freedom of movement through means intentionally applied." *Brendlin v. California*, 551 U.S. 249, 254 (internal quotations marks and citations omitted) (emphasis in original); see also *Terry*, 392 U.S. at 19 n.16"

84. In <u>DK BY LK v. Teams</u>, No. 16-CV-3246 (PAE)(S.D.N.Y. Jul. 5, 2017), U.S. District Judge Paul A. Engelmayer articulated the legal standard that applies to confirming personal involvement of a defendant for 42 U.S.C. §1983 claims in the following way:

"The personal involvement of a defendant sued in his or her individual capacity is a requirement for liability under § 1983; a defendant's supervisory authority is insufficient in itself to create liability under § 1983. *Richardson v. Goord*, 347 F.3d 431, 435 (2d Cir. 2003). "To proximately cause a ... due process violation ... a defendant must be personally involved in the violation. A plaintiff may establish such personal involvement by making any one of five showings (the 'Colon factors')." Warren v. Pataki, 823 F.3d 125, 136 (2d Cir. 2016) (citing Colon v. Coughlin, 58 F.3d 865, 873 (2d Cir. 1995). These showings are as follows: "(1) the defendant participated directly in the alleged constitutional violation, (2) the defendant, after being informed of the violation \*354 through a report or appeal, failed to remedy the wrong, (3) the defendant created a policy or custom under which unconstitutional practices occurred, or allowed the continuance of such a policy or custom, (4) the defendant was grossly negligent in supervising subordinates who committed the wrongful acts, or (5) the defendant exhibited deliberate indifference to the rights of [the plaintiffs] by failing to act on information that unconstitutional acts were occurring." Id. (quoting Colon, 58 F.3d at 873); see also Patterson v. Ctv. of Oneida, N.Y., 375 F.3d 206, 229 (2d Cir. 2004) (" [A] plaintiff must

establish a given defendant's personal involvement in the claimed violation in order to hold that defendant liable in his [or her] individual capacity under § 1983. Personal involvement ... includes not only direct participation in the alleged violation but also gross negligence in the supervision of subordinates who committed the wrongful acts and failure to take action upon receiving information that constitutional violations were occurring.") (citations omitted))."

- 85. The following is a pertinent excerpt from <u>Marom v. City of New York</u>, No. 15-cv-2017 (PKC) (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 7, 2016) that addresses the legal duty that all law-enforcement personnel that includes lawmakers have to intervene to protect constitutional rights against infringement:
  - "All law enforcement officials have an affirmative duty to intervene to protect the constitutional rights of citizens from infringement by other law enforcement officers in their presence." Anderson, 17 F.3d at 557. "An officer who fails to intercede is liable for the preventable harm caused by the actions of the other officers where that officer observes or has reason to know: (1) that excessive force is being used, [] (2) that a citizen has been unjustifiably arrested [] or (3) that any constitutional violation has been committed by a law enforcement official []." Id. However, "[i]n order for liability to attach, there must have been a realistic opportunity to intervene to prevent the harm from occurring.""
- 86. The following is a pertinent excerpt from <u>Marom v. NYPD Sergeant Fior Blanco</u>, No. 15-cv-2017 (PKC) (S.D.N.Y. July 25, 2019) that acknowledged that the scope of personal involvement in violating constitutional rights exceeded how it was described in <u>Marom v. City of New York</u>, No. 15-cv-2017 (PKC) (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 7, 2016):
  - "A defendant is also considered "personally involved" if he or she fails to intervene despite having a realistic opportunity to prevent the constitutional violation from occurring. Harris v. City of New York, No. 15-cv-8456 (CM), 2017 WL 6501912, at \*3 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 15, 2017); see Anderson v. Branen, 17 F.3d 552, 557 (2d Cir. 1994)."
- 87. The following is a pertinent excerpt from <u>Bleiwas v. City of New York</u>, No. 15 Civ. 10046

  (ER) (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 14, 2017) that lists the elements for a claim based upon negligence:
  - "To demonstrate that a defendant acted with negligence under New York law, a plaintiff must show `1) the existence of a duty flowing from defendant to plaintiff; 2) a breach of this duty; 3) a reasonably close causal connection between the contact and the resulting injury; and 4) actual loss, harm or damage."
- 88. What follows is a pertinent excerpt from US v. Basey, 816 F.2d 980 (5th Cir. 1987) about the

guilt of those who participate in conspiracies and clearly confirms that defendants that I have listed in this pleading's caption have been involved in a conspiracy to violate my constitutional right to lawfully visit HRA's offices located at 150 Greenwich Street in Manhattan to serve legal papers upon HRA and inspect proposed contracts.

## Excerpt from US v. Basey:

"Well settled is the principle that a party to a continuing conspiracy may be responsible for a substantive offense committed by a co-conspirator, even though that party does not participate in the substantive offense or have any knowledge of it. *Pinkerton v. United States*, 328 U.S. 640, 647, 66 S.Ct. 1180 [1184] 90 L.Ed. 1489 (1946). Once the conspiracy and a particular defendant's knowing participation in it has been established beyond a reasonable doubt, the defendant is deemed guilty of substantive acts committed in furtherance of the conspiracy by any of his criminal partners. *United States v. Sullivan*, 578 F.2d 121, 122-23 (5th Cir.1978)."

- 89. The following is a pertinent excerpt from <u>US v. Blackmon</u>, 839 F.2d 900 (2d Cir. 1988) that presents a useful discussion about co-conspirators in conspiracies:
  - "This court has several times observed that statements "that apprise a coconspirator of the progress of a conspiracy," *United States v. Rahme*, 813 F.2d 31, 36 (2d Cir.1987), or that "brief [a coconspirator] on the scheme," *United States v. Mangan*, 575 F.2d 32, 44 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 439 U.S. 931, 99 S.Ct. 320, 58 L.Ed.2d 324 (1978), are statements made in furtherance of a conspiracy. *See United States v. Paone*, 782 F.2d 386, 391 (2d Cir.1986), *cert. denied*, U.S. , 107 S.Ct. 3261, 97 L.Ed.2d 761 (1987). *See also United States v. Persico*, 832 F.2d 705, 716 (2d Cir.1987). The Third Circuit has likewise observed that statements by coconspirators that "inform each other of the current status of the conspiracy further the ends of the conspiracy and are admissible so long as the other requirements of Rule 801(d)(2)(E) are met." *United States v. Ammar*, 714 F.2d 238, 252 (3d Cir.) (citations omitted), *cert. denied*, 464 U.S. 936, 104 S.Ct. 344, 78 L.Ed.2d 311 (1983)."
- 90. In <u>Pangburn v. Culbertson</u>, 200 F.3d 65 (2d Cir. 1999), the Court addressed conspiracies to violate civil rights and a legal standard that governs whether litigants should be allowed to file an amended pleading. In short, the excerpts from that case shown below confirm that Court ruled that **a)** "conspiracies are by their very nature secretive operations" that "may have to be proven by circumstantial, rather than direct, evidence" and **b)** though futility "is a valid reason for

denying a motion to amend", that is "true only where it is "beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support" of his amended claims."

- a. "To prove a § 1983 conspiracy, a plaintiff must show: (1) an agreement between two or more state actors or between a state actor and a private entity; (2) to act in concert to inflict an unconstitutional injury; and (3) an overt act done in furtherance of that goal causing damages."
- b. "While "conclusory allegations" of a § 1983 conspiracy are insufficient, <u>Dwares v. City of New York</u>, 985 F.2d 94, 99-100 (2nd Cir.1993) (citing cases), we have recognized that such "conspiracies are by their very nature secretive operations," and may have to be proven by circumstantial, rather than direct, evidence. <u>Rounseville v. Zahl</u>, 13 F.3d 625, 632 (2d Cir.1994)."
- c. "while "futility" is a valid reason for denying a motion to amend, <u>John Hancock</u> <u>Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Amerford Int'l Corp.</u>, 22 F.3d 458, 462 (2d Cir.1994), this is true only where it is "beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support" of his amended claims. <u>Ricciuti v. N.Y.C. Transit Auth.</u>, 941 F.2d 119, 123 (2d Cir.1991)"
- 91. The following are excerpts from *Vann v. City of New York*, 72 F.3d 1040 (2d Cir. 1995) that addresses municipal liability:
  - a. A § 1983 plaintiff injured by a police officer may establish the pertinent custom or policy by showing that the municipality, alerted to the possible use of excessive force by its police officers, exhibited deliberate indifference. See, e.g., Fiacco v. City of Rensselaer, 783 F.2d 319 (2d Cir.1986), cert. denied, 480 U.S. 922, 107 S.Ct. 1384, 94 L.Ed.2d 698 (1987); see id. at 326-27 (municipality "should not take a laissez-faire attitude toward the violation by its peace officers of the very rights they are supposed to prevent others from violating").
  - b. To prove such deliberate indifference, the plaintiff must show that the need for more or better supervision to protect against constitutional violations was obvious. See <u>Canton v. Harris</u>, 489 U.S. at 390, 109 S.Ct. at 1205. An obvious need may be demonstrated through proof of repeated complaints of civil rights violations; deliberate indifference may be inferred if the complaints are followed by no meaningful attempt on the part of the municipality to investigate or to forestall further incidents. See, e.g., <u>Ricciuti v. N.Y.C. Transit Authority</u>, 941 F.2d at 123; <u>Fiacco v. City of Rensselaer</u>, 783 F.2d at 328
- 92. The Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall was conducted in violation of New York City Department of Education regulations that are discussed in *Bloomberg v. The New York City Department of*

Education, No. 17 Civ. 3136 (PGG) (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 24, 2019). In order for the Mayor and New York City Councilman Chaim Deutsch to have been able to lawfully conduct the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the school in which it was conducted, invitations would have needed to have been issued to their political rivals who sought to replace them through the 2017 New York City government elections. No valid reason exists to believe that prerequisite was met. The following is a relevant excerpt from that court decision:

Regulation D-130 (the "Regulation") "governs the use of school buildings by candidates, elected officials, and political organizations and the conduct of school employees and officers with respect to political campaigns and elections." (Regulation D-130 (Abstract) (Dkt. No. 79-3)) The Regulation's introduction provides:

School buildings are not public forums for purposes of community or political expression. The following sets forth the rules which govern: (1) the use of, or access to, Department of Education school buildings by elected officials, candidates for elective office, or organizations working on behalf of such officials or candidates, both during school and non-school hours; (2) use of school facilities, equipment and supplies for political purposes by school employees, personnel, or staff members and officials; and (3) conduct of school employees, personnel, or staff members and officials with respect to political campaigns and elections.

(Id. (Introduction) (footnote omitted)).

Section I.B of the Regulation addresses the use of school facilities, equipment, and supplies, and provides that — generally — these resources "may not be used on behalf of any candidate, candidates, slate of candidates, or political organization/committee." (Id. at § I(B)) In particular,

- 1. The use of any Department of Education school during school/business hours by any person, group, organization, committee, etc., on behalf of, or for the benefit of any elected official, candidate, candidates, slate of candidates or political organization/committee is prohibited.
- 2. No rallies, forums, programs, etc., on behalf of, or for the benefit of any elected official, particular candidate, candidates, slate of candidates or political organization/committee may be held in a school building.
- 3. No material supporting any candidate, candidates, slate of candidates or political organization/committee may be distributed, posted, or displayed in any school building....

#### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The following shows the e-mail message that I sent on 9/10/17 at 9:23 pm to RSVP for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall:

From: Towaki Komatsu < towaki komatsu@yahoo.com>

Subject: RSVP for 9/14/17 public Town Hall meeting with New York City's Mayor

**Date:** September 10, 2017 at 9:23:48 PM EDT

**To:** townhallrsvp@cityhall.nyc.gov

My name is Towaki Komatsu

This e-mail serves as my RSVP for the 9/14/17 public Town Hall meeting New York City's Mayor will hold.

Pursuant to New York State's Open Meetings Law, I have a legal right to attend that public town hall meeting.

Any attempt to hinder my ability to attend it will constitute a violation of both that law and the federal criminal statute that concerns obstruction of justice, specifically 18 U.S.C. 1512.

Any such attempt to hinder my ability to attend that public meeting will be severely dealt with from a legal standpoint.

3. The New York City public school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 is the P.S. K811 Connie Lekas School that is controlled by the New York City Department of Education. New York City Councilman Chaim Deutsch served as the moderator for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. Mr. Deutsch is a staunch supporter of the NYPD in spite of how often and how brazenly its members violate applicable laws. He is also the chairman of the New York City Council's Committee on Veterans who has repeatedly proven in a variety of ways that he does not support fundamental civil rights that include the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment. He also pays lip-service to supporting military

veterans. In that respect, he and the Mayor are quite similar and unworthy of respect.

- 4. Prior to attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall, Defendant Cruz was among people who illegally prevented me from attending and testifying in the public hearing that the Mayor conducted at 2 pm in the Blue Room in City Hall that was partly about proposed legislation that concerned reforming the NYPD. I intended to engage in protected whistleblowing about that fact as well as the sum and substance of the testimony against the NYPD that I would have otherwise given during that 9/8/17 public hearing while attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall in the room in which it was conducted.
- 5. Everything that I have discussed thus far in this complaint about whistleblowing and litigation that I engaged in were matters about which I intended to engage in protected whistleblowing about while attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall largely to try to engage in word-of-mouth advertising against the Mayor's administration and its business partners that I hoped would spread quickly, widely, and sufficiently enough as I hoped its sum and substance would persuade enough people to fire the Mayor in the 2017 New York City government elections that would give New Yorkers leadership instead all that the Mayor and his administration represent. By having New Yorkers throw out Bill de Blasio and his administration like a disease by the power of their votes, I hoped that new management at the Mayor's office would clean house across New York City's government and with its business partners to usher in proper governance. Among other things, that would require Urban's contract with HRA to be cancelled.
- 6. On 9/14/17, as I lawfully stood on a public sidewalk while waiting in line with other members of the public to be issued an admission ticket for the Mayor's town hall that would enable me to attend it from within the room in which it was conducted, I had a brief conversation

with Defendant Atcheson as she held a tablet computer. During that conversation, she fraudulently told me that I wasn't on the list of people who registered to attend that town hall and refused to issue me an admission ticket for it in violation of my Fifth Amendment rights to property and Fourteenth Amendment due process and equal protection rights as well as the prohibitions against discrimination and selective-enforcement. In doing so, she also violated New York State's Open Meetings Law and subjected me to an abuse of process. In response to her behavior, I remained in that line while I remained intent on attending that town hall lawfully in accordance with my constitutional rights irrespective of whether I would be issued an admission ticket for it. While that was occurring, I recorded video recordings with my cell phone that confirm the following members of the NYPD as well as members of the Mayor's staff that included Harold Miller stood within roughly 40 feet from where I was on that same sidewalk and were aware that I was not being issued an admission ticket for that town hall as the members of the NYPD illegally failed and otherwise refused to perform their Fourteenth Amendment affirmative legal duty to intervene on my behalf to uphold my constitutional rights to receive an admission ticket for it and to be treated like every other member of the public who was in that line with respect to my efforts to attend that public forum within the room in which it would be conducted:

Defendants Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17

7. At some point after 6:15 pm on 9/14/17, I was illegally coerced to leave that line by being threatened with arrest by members of the NYPD if I didn't comply. Defendants Nieves, Gerola, and Mason were personally involved with NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, and other members of the NYPD in

issuing and otherwise condoning that illegal threat that was intimidation and First Amendment retaliation in response to my lawful assertiveness to remain in that line while exercising my First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights of assembly, and association for the purpose of eventually being granted access to that school in order to lawfully walk into the room in which that town hall would be conducted and engage in legal self-defense in the event that anyone made offensive physical contact with me as I lawfully attempted to attend that town hall in that room.

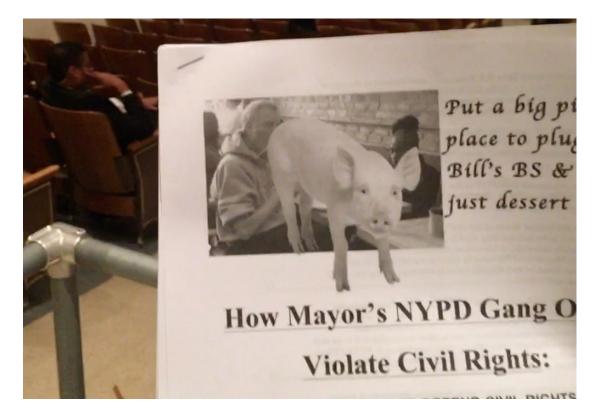
8. As I lawfully waited in line on 9/14/17 to be granted access to the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall, I conducted myself in an entirely lawful manner and distributed literature to other members of the public as they waited to be granted access to the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall that I prepared and contained protected whistleblowing information of public concern against the Mayor's administration and its business partners largely to try to offset the fact that I was again being illegally discriminated against by members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail, members of the Mayor's staff, and other members of the NYPD in violation of my constitutional rights to attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall from within the room in which it was conducted based upon the fact that I registered in advance with the Mayor's office to do so and arrived sufficiently early to the site of that town hall on 9/14/17 to wait on line near the front of the line to be granted access to that town hall from within that room. In short, I correctly anticipated that I would again be subjected to illegal acts on 9/14/17 in relation to my efforts to attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the room in which it was conducted. As a result, I prepared whistleblowing literature in advance to bring with me to that site on 9/14/17 to lawfully distribute to those who attended that town hall before it began and while I would be in the overflow room that was setup for that town hall.

9. The following is a screenshot from the video recording that the Mayor's office arranged to be recorded of the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall while I played it back while I had the closed-captioning feature enabled. That screenshot reflects what appears in that video at the elapsed time of 17 minutes and 58 seconds as the Mayor was then making remarks that confirmed that town hall was subject to New York State's Open Meetings Law as he implicitly confirmed that a quorum that was comprised of senior members of his administration were then present in that room and that they would be available at the end of that meeting for the audience to walk to up to and talk with about whatever was on their mind.



10. The next screenshot reflects what appears in the video recording that has the filename of "IMG\_1868.mov" at the elapsed time of 1 second while Defendant Nieves and I were in auditorium in the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall. This screenshot confirms the fact that I brilliantly used Mr. Nieves as a backdrop while he slacked off in a chair to record the cover page of whistleblowing literature that I distributed to members of the public during that

town hall. That auditorium was used as the overflow room for that town hall on 9/14/17.



11. To close out this section, it is worth pointing out that the New York City 2017 general elections were held in November of 2017 and likely heavily factored into the decisions to commit the illegal acts and omissions against me on 9/14/17 that I have discussed in this complaint in order to protect the Mayor's re-election interests in violation of the Hatch Act. The timing of those illegal acts truly matters.

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

CLAIM #1: Violations of the First Amendment right of access to a public forum, to protest in a public forum, to record audio and video recordings in a public forum, to take photographs in a public forum, to receive information in a public forum, to have the opportunity to talk with journalists in a public forum, to distribute whistleblowing literature in a public forum, to engage in lawful assembly in a public forum, to engage in freedom of expression in a public forum, to otherwise engage in whistleblowing and criticism of

government officials in a public forum, to engage in expressive association, and to petition government officials in a public forum for redress of grievances

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. I also incorporate by reference as though fully set forth herein the decision that was issued on 5/19/20 in *Dunn v. City of Fort Valley*, No. 19-cv-287(TES) (M.D. Ga. May 19, 2020) due to relevant findings it contains about First Amendment rights in public forums, supervisory liability, and other pertinent things.
- 3. My right to lawfully protest in a public forum in a manner that doesn't disrupt how that public forum is conducted while valid time, place, and manner restrictions do not exist to prohibit such protest in a public forum was acknowledged the following remark that Judge Schofield expressed in the decision that she issued in *Gonzalez v. City of New York*, No. 14
  Civ. 7721 (LGS) (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 29, 2016):

"Two branches of First Amendment claims are relevant to the present case: (a) interference with the right to protest in a public forum and (b) retaliation for exercising First Amendment rights."

4. More importantly, my right to lawfully protest in a public forum in a manner that doesn't disrupt how that public forum is conducted while valid time, place, and manner restrictions do not exist to prohibit such protest in a public forum was confirmed by the following excerpt from *Occupy Nashville v. Haslam*, 949 F. Supp. 2d 777 (M.D. Tenn. 2013):

"a state may not restrict First Amendment rights, absent valid time, place, or manner restriction. See <u>Dean</u>, 354 F.3d at 551; <u>Galvin v. Hay</u>, 374 F.3d 739, 751 (9th <u>Cir.2004</u>) ("As speakers may generally control the presentation of their message by

choosing a location for its importance to the meaning of their speech, speakers may ordinarily— absent a valid time, place and manner restriction—do so in a public forum."); Childs v. Dekalb Cntv., Ga., 286 Fed.Appx. 687, 693-94 (11th Cir.2008) (denying qualified immunity and stating that, based on Supreme Court precedent, "police officers have known for decades that protestors present on public property have a First Amendment right to peacefully express their view, in the absence of narrowly tailored ordinances restricting the time, place, or manner of the speech")."

(boldface formatting added for emphasis)

- 5. Due to the facts and circumstances that I have discussed at length and with sufficient specificity in this pleading, I have decisively established that the Defendants identified above were personally involved in having willfully, callously, and wantonly illegally violated my First Amendment rights in relation to my efforts to have attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall within the room in which it was conducted as it was conducted, shortly before it began, and shortly after it ended.
- 6. I have also established that the defendants that this claim concerns violated my First Amendment right to remain in the original line that I waited in on 9/14/17 outside of the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall to proceed with other members of the public into that school and then into the room within it that hosted that town hall instead of being illegally coerced to move from where I lawfully stood on a public sidewalk that is a traditional public forum.
- 7. I have further established that the defendants that this claim concerns violated my First Amendment right of access to public records that were made available in the school that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall that were made available strictly to the members of the public who were permitted to attend that town hall within the room in which it was conducted.
- 8. Ms. Ramos is also liable for this cause of action due to her role as co-conspirator in that

conspiracy as she illegally deceived Ms. Durkin on 6/28/17 and 6/29/17 in e-mail messages that she sent to Ms. Durkin about me and the illegal acts that were committed against me on 9/14/17 in relation to the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall in furtherance of a fraudulent scheme to try to illegally cover-up those illegal acts and omissions. Relevant findings that support this assertion about Ms. Ramos' liability exist in the decisions that were issued in <u>US v.</u>

Blackmon, 839 F.2d 900 (2d Cir. 1988), Escalera v. Samaritan Village Men's Shelter, No.

17-cv-4691 (CM) (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 27, 2019), <u>US v. Basey</u>, 816 F.2d 980 (5th Cir. 1987),

Vann v. City of New York, 72 F.3d 1040 (2d Cir. 1995), Pangburn v. Culbertson, 200 F.3d 65 (2d Cir. 1999), and <u>Dunn v. City of Fort Valley</u>, No. 19-cv-287(TES) (M.D. Ga. May 19, 2020).

## CLAIM #2: First Amendment Retaliation and Viewpoint Discrimination

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the information presented in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #3: Violations of the Fourth Amendment

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17)

1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #4: <u>Violations of the Fifth Amendment</u>

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

# CLAIM #5: <u>Violations of the Fourteenth Amendment</u> <u>Substantive Due Process Rights</u>

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #6: <u>Violations of Procedural Due Process</u>

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set

forth herein.

2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

# CLAIM #7: <u>Violations of the Fourteenth Amendment</u> <u>Equal Protection Rights</u>

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

# CLAIM #8: <u>Violations of the Fourteenth Amendment</u> Prohibitions Against Selective-Enforcement

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

# CLAIM #9: Failure to Intervene in Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD

## John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #10: Failure to Train and Supervise

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #11: Violation of the New York State's Open Meetings Law

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

#### CLAIM #12: Abuse of Process

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #13: Fraudulent Misrepresentation and Fraudulent Inducement

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

### CLAIM #14: Violation of New York State General Business Law 349

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #15: Negligence

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #16: Municipal Liability

## (Against Defendant City of New York)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. Defendant City of New York is liable for this claim due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

### **CLAIM #17:** Intentional and Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

### CLAIM #18: Conspiracy to Violate Civil Rights and

#### **Cover-Up Such Abuse**

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #19: Unjust Enrichment

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

## CLAIM #20: <u>Public and Private Nuisance</u>

(Against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17)

- 1. I incorporate by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. The defendants that this claim concerns are liable for it due to the information that I presented in this complaint.

#### **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

1. I demand a trial by jury in this action on each and every one of my damage claims.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, this Court should accept jurisdiction over this entire matter and grant me additional relief by:

- Causing this Court to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over my X1 lawsuit and my X2
  lawsuit, then consolidate them with this action that will lead this action to control how all of
  that litigation is conducted. This request stems from a common nucleus of operative fact and
  is pursuant to FRCP Rule 42.
- 2. Empaneling a jury to hear and decide this case strictly on its merits.
- 3. Granting me the following additional relief against the defendants individually and jointly:
  - a. Compensation for violations of my constitutional rights, defamation, abuse of process, nuisance, unjust enrichment, wire fraud, and fraudulent misrepresentations as well as pain, suffering, mental anguish, and humiliation that I experienced due to the illegal acts and omissions by the defendants.
  - b. Declaratory, injunctive, and equitable relief through the issuance of an order that voids the results of the 2017 New York City government elections for the jobs of New York City Mayor, New York City Councilmember, Bronx District Attorney, Queens Borough President, New York City Comptroller, and New York City Public Advocate primarily because it is reasonable to believe that results of those elections were materially tainted by voter fraud, voter suppression, and whistleblower retaliation in violation of 5 U.S.C. §1502(a)(1) that occurred partly by illegally:

- i. Preventing whistleblowers from attending public forums that the Mayor conducted with them and were partly used as campaign events to attract various types of support from voters and prospective voters.
- ii. Segregating and discriminating against whistleblowers at such public forums.
- c. Declaratory, injunctive, and equitable relief in accordance with findings expressed in <u>Capitol Records, Inc. v. Thomas-Rasset</u>, 692 F.3d 899 (8th Cir. 2012) through the issuance of an order that enjoins Defendant City's personnel and agencies from continuing to commit illegal acts and omissions against me that violate my rights.
- d. Further declaratory, injunctive, and equitable relief through the immediate issuance of an order that:
  - i. Prohibits all members of the NYPD from deliberately making any physical contact with me while I am conducting myself in a lawful manner.
  - ii. Requires all members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail to not come within 10 feet from me while they are on-duty as members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail and I am conducting myself in a lawful manner, unless I explicitly grant consent for that to occur.
  - iii. Requires all members of the Mayor's CAU to not come within 10 feet from me while I am conducting myself in a lawful manner and they are on-duty as members of the Mayor's CAU, unless I explicitly grant consent for that to occur.
  - iv. Prohibits Defendant City's personnel from illegally interfering with my ability to attend public forums that the Mayor may conduct from within the room in which he does so as he does so.

- v. Prohibits Defendant City's personnel from illegally interfering with the rights that other people have to lawfully attend public forums that the Mayor conducts that may allow others and I to exercise our First Amendment right to observe, hear, and enjoy lawful speech and other expression that such people may engage in to criticize the Mayor and others during them.
- vi. Prohibits Defendant City's personnel from illegally interfering with the First
  Amendment and Fifth Amendment rights that people have to a) bring literature
  and signs with them into rooms in which the Mayor conducts public forums, b)
  lawfully distribute such literature during those meetings without disrupting
  those meetings, c) distribute such literature and otherwise show it and signs in
  the rooms in which the Mayor conducts such meetings before they begin and
  after they end, and d) Keep such literature and signs with them as the Mayor
  conducts such public forums.
- vii. Requires Defendant City to grant access to public forums that the Mayor conducts inside of buildings based on the order in which members of the public line up directly outside of those buildings shortly before those meetings begin to be granted access to the room in which the Mayor conducts such public forums on those dates.
- viii. Prohibits Defendant City from allowing its personnel to prevent members of the public from attending public forums that the Mayor conducts inside of buildings from within the rooms in which he does so while sufficient seating is available in those rooms.
  - ix. Orders Defendant City to immediately cause all members of the NYPD who are

- present in areas where the Mayor conducts public town hall meetings, public resource meetings, public hearings, and press conferences that the public may observe to wear body-cameras that are always on and always recording both audio and video recordings.
- x. Orders Defendant City of New York to provide all audio and video recordings from such body-cameras in unedited and non-redacted form along with their audit trail records to allow for an independent forensic analysis within 24 hours of any adverse encounter that occurs between a) members of the public and b) the members of the NYPD wearing those body-cameras.
- xi. Orders Defendant City to immediately **a)** cause clear audio recordings to be recorded of all verbal communications that members of the NYPD have while they are on-duty as members of the NYPD and present in areas where the Mayor conducts public town hall meetings, public resource meetings, public hearings, and press conferences that the public may observe.
- xii. Orders Defendant City of New York to provide all such audio recordings in unedited and non-redacted form that includes information that identifies the date and time when those recordings began to be recorded as well as the speakers heard in those communications that are personnel of Defendant City within 24 hours of any adverse encounter that occurs between a) members of the public and b) the members of the NYPD heard in those audio recordings while they are being recorded.
- xiii. Orders Defendant City to immediately cause all other electronic communications (such as e-mail messages, cell phone text messages, and

- encrypted communications) that are engaged in by those who are part of the Mayor's NYPD security detail to be recorded and preserved for possible use in litigation by people that they commit illegal acts and omissions against.
- xiv. Orders Defendant City to provide all such electronic communications within 24 hours in unedited and non-redacted form that includes information that identifies the date and time when those communications occurred and the identities of those who engaged in them to members of the public who have adverse encounters with members of the Mayor's NYPD security detail to the extent that those communications concern those adverse encounters.
- xv. Orders Defendant City to provide me copies of all communications that its personnel have had about me since 2/1/16 in unedited and non-redacted form. This includes, but is not limited to all of the following:
  - 1) All communications that have taken place by using personally-owned devices, personal e-mail accounts, personal encrypted messaging accounts, and personal cell phone plans as well as by using computers and other devices that are owned or leased by Defendant City and e-mail, cell phone, and encrypted messaging accounts that are administered and/or controlled by Defendant City.
- e. Further declaratory, injunctive, and equitable relief through the immediate issuance of an order that:
  - i. Orders Defendant City to immediately cause the CCRB and DOI to be provided all video recordings within 24 hours after a complaint is reported to them about illegal acts and omissions that are committed by members of the NYPD and

- other personnel of Defendant City that are recorded by video security cameras that Defendant City controls. This includes, but is not limited to illegal acts that are related to public forums that the Mayor conducts and occur on the dates and at the locations where the Mayor conducts them.
- ii. Further orders Defendant City to make those video recordings available within 24 hours in unedited and non-redacted form to those who report such illegal acts and omissions to the CCRB and DOI.
- iii. Orders that the following Defendants are also required to be fired at the earliest possible instead of practical or convenient time from the jobs that they hold with Defendant City of New York largely pursuant to Section 1116 of the New York City Charter in response to the illegal acts and omissions that they committed against me in relation to my efforts to have lawfully attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall and that they are prohibited from being employed by Defendant City again:

Defendants Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17

iv. Orders Defendants Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17, and NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17 to immediately and fully reimburse those who were their employers on and after 9/14/17 with pre-judgment and

- post-judgment interest for the total value of pay and benefits that they received that directly correspond to the length of time during which they were involved in the illegal acts and omissions that were committed against me in relation to my efforts to have attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.
- v. Restrains Defendant City's personnel and agencies from continuing to commit illegal acts and omissions against me that violate my rights, especially in all areas that are public forums.
- vi. Declares that the ban that the Mayor announced that prohibits large gatherings of people in New York City and protests from being conducted is overly broad, pretextual, void, and unenforceable largely because it impermissibly violates core First Amendment rights as well as Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights that pertain to due process, selective-enforcement, equal protection, and liberty.
- vii. Further declares that though it may possibly be advisable to wear a face mask in New York City, no one is required to do so partly because doing so impedes the flow of oxygen to healthy people and impermissibly infringes upon the First Amendment rights that people have to engage in freedom of expression, such as by having people see them smiling, expressing affection by kissing, being able to yawn without having to wear a face mask, and having other facial expressions that they make seen by others. Although it is potentially dangerous to one's health to engage in a wide variety of other activities that include driving a car because of the possibility that a drunk driver may pass by and having a drink in a bar because there is a possibility to breathe in second-hand

- smoke, bans on driving and visiting bars have not been imposed due to such risk factors.
- viii. Similarly declares that the social-distancing restrictions in New York State are overly broad, void, and unenforceable for the same reasons just discussed and declares that those restrictions have been selectively-enforced by the NYPD in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- f. Declaratory relief by declaring that the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall was a public forum that was subject to New York State's Open Meetings Law and that all actions that were taken as a result of that town hall having been conducted are void pursuant to Section 107 of New York State's Public Officer Law because that town hall was conducted in violation of New York State's Open Meetings Law.
- g. Injunctive and equitable relief by ordering Defendant City to immediately provide me the following in unedited and non-redacted form:
  - i. Copies of all video recordings and photographs that were recorded and otherwise taken by Defendant City's personnel inside of the building that hosted the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall between the time when **a**) the first member of the public entered that building on 9/14/17 in relation to attending that town hall and **b**) everyone who attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall exited that building.
  - ii. Copies of all records that have been in the possession of Defendant City's personnel that pertain to the deliberations, planning, coordination, execution, and cover-up that took place in regards to my having been illegally prevented from attending the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.

- iii. Copies of all records that have been in the possession of Defendant City's personnel that describe staff assignments that were issued for the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.
- iv. Copies of all records that have been in the possession of Defendant City's personnel that consist of the names and contact information for the members of the public who registered to attend the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall as well as the names and contact information for the journalists who attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.
- h. Injunctive and equitable relief by ordering Defendant City of New York to immediately provide me all video recordings as an ".avi", ".mp4", or ".mov" computer file that were recorded on 2/19/20 by all video security cameras that were installed in the school and are controlled by DOE that hosted the town hall meeting that the Mayor conducted on that date between the times when the first member of the public was allowed into that school for the purpose of attending that town hall until everyone who attended that town hall exited that school.
- i. Compensation for all costs and attorney fees that are related to my pursuit of this civil action.
- j. Equitable and injunctive relief that authorizes me and others that I may ask to help me to paint, write, or draw any message or image of any size indefinitely throughout New York City without needing pre-approval from anyone on any public street, sidewalk, public passageway, concourse, and park indefinitely by using resources that will be provided to me by the City of New York for that purpose.
- k. Equitable and injunctive relief that orders the City of New York to cause its NYPD to

- accord whatever messages and images that I may paint, write, or draw in public areas throughout New York City to receive equal law-enforcement protection that is accorded to Black Lives Matter signs on streets in New York City, especially the one located in front of Trump Tower in Manhattan.
- 1. An award of damages against Defendants City of New York, Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), Atcheson, Ramos, de Blasio, O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17, and NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1986 for having not intervened on my behalf in relation to my effort to have attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall.
- m. An award of damages against Defendants Gerola, Nieves, Mason, Cruz, Mitchell, NYPD Officer John Doe1 9/14/17 (shield #: 21250), O'Neill, NYPD John Doe2 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe3 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe4 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe5 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe6 9/14/17, NYPD John Doe7 9/14/17, and NYPD John Doe8 9/14/17 pursuant to New York State General Business Law §349 for deception in relation to my efforts to have attended the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall and how those defendants conducted themselves as criminal accomplices instead of the law-enforcement personnel that they technically were on 9/14/17.
- n. An award of punitive damages for all of my claims set forth in this pleading.
- o. An award of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.
- p. Declares that the Mayor's 9/14/17 town hall was illegally conducted inside of a public school.

- q. Equitable and injunctive relief that orders the City of New York to remove all obstructions from public sidewalks, public streets, public parks, and public concourses within 24 hours that the NYPD has set up and to not setup such obstructions again in such public areas without prior approval. Such obstructions impede pedestrian and bicycle traffic by people who are conducting themselves lawfully and may have various disabilities that include blindness and physical ailments.
- r. Such other, further, and different relief as the interests of justice and equity may require.

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